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**6 GIs killed across Iraq**

A U.S. military vehicle burns after it came under attack Wednesday in the center of Mosul, north of Baghdad. Two American soldiers were killed and five injured by a car bomb. U.S. military officials also announced that four U.S. troops had been killed in two separate bombings in Baghdad.

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## News Tracker ... What's new with old news

### States

**Serial killings suspect:** Lawyers for Derrick Todd Lee, unable to save him from a first-degree murder conviction, now will try to keep the serial killings suspect alive by asking jurors to reject the death penalty in his case.

Jurors took just over an hour Tuesday to find Lee, already sentenced to life in prison for another killing, guilty for the slaying of 22-year-old Charlotte Murray Pace in 2002.

The panel will begin hearing testimony Wednesday to determine whether Lee should be executed.

**Gorilla escape:** A \$10,000 fine has been levied by the U.S. Department of Agriculture against Dallas over the March escape of a gorilla from the Dallas Zoo, officials say. Zoo officials have said that Jabari, a 340-pound gorilla, leaped across a moat and wall before going on a 40-minute rampage. Four people were injured before police shot and killed the gorilla.

The city attorney's office says it is reviewing the letter from the Agriculture Department. Zoo officials said the penalty was contained in a letter sent in September.

**Organ removal case:** A prosecutor said Tuesday no criminal charges will be filed against doctors accused of taking vital organs from a suicide victim without making sure he was legally dead.

Colorado District Attorney Tom Raynes said he agreed with a panel of experts who concluded William Rardin, 31, was legally brain dead before doctors harvested his organs for transplant last month.

County Coroner Mark Young last week ruled Rardin died from "removal of his internal organs by an organ recovery team." He said two western Colorado hospitals failed to properly declare the brain dead before his heart and other organs were removed.

**Voter registration suit:** A coalition of unions sued Florida elections officials Tuesday, arguing that thousands of voters have been disenfranchised by the rejection of their voter registration forms.

The lawsuit is similar to one filed by Democrats last week. It accuses Secretary of State Glenda Hood of violating federal law for telling the state's 67 elections supervisors that they should reject incomplete voter-registration forms.

Hood's office told the supervisors to disqualify voters who failed to check a box confirming they are U.S. citizens, even if they signed an oath on the same form swearing they are. Officials have maintained that state and federal law require the box to be checked.

**Spector transcripts:** Over the objections of prosecutors, a judge Tuesday sealed transcripts of grand jury proceedings that led to the indictment of rock producer Phil Spector on a murder charge.

But Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge David S. Wesley then transferred the case to the trial judge, Larry Paul Fidler, and said he wanted to give the fellow jurist a chance to review the transcripts before deciding whether to release them to the public.

Spector was indicted last month in the slaying of actress Lana Clarkson at his Alhambra mansion in February 2003.

The motion to sequester the transcripts was filed by Spector's defense attorneys.

**Peterson trial:** The judge in the Scott Peterson murder trial on Tuesday delayed the start of the defense case for a week.

Judge Alfred A. Deluchi said the delay was the result of "legal issues." Prosecutors asked for the delay to prepare their rebuttal to photos provided along with the defense's last set of witnesses, sources familiar with the case told The Associated Press.



**Haiti tensions:** Ex-soldier and rebel leader Remissainthe Ravix holds up a poster of alleged criminals during an interview in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, on Wednesday. Rebel soldiers say they are advancing on Haiti's capital and violence that has claimed at least 46 lives, threatening conflicts with armed backers of ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide and U.N. peacekeepers.

### Business

**Fannie Mae suits:** Fannie Mae, accused by regulators of manipulating earnings, said Tuesday that the Justice Department has asked it to preserve records relating to its accounting practices as part of a criminal investigation.

In addition, the giant mortgage funding company said investors have filed or are preparing eight lawsuits against the company, chairman and chief executive Franklin Raines and chief financial officer J. Timothy Howard. The suits generally allege that Fannie's accounting violated federal securities laws, the company said in a regulatory filing. Another suit filed against members of Fannie's board of directors alleges a "breach of fiduciary duties," Fannie said.

**US Airways deal:** US Airways reached agreement with its lenders, including the federal government, to conditionally extend a financing arrangement that allows the company to operate while in bankruptcy.

The new deal extends until Jan. 15 an arrangement that allows the airline to tap funds from a \$900 million government-backed loan the airline received when it emerged from its first trip into bankruptcy in March 2003.

The previous deal had been set to expire on Friday.

### World

**Tibet talks:** Exiled Tibetans and China's Communist government held "serious and frank discussions" recently about the future of Tibet and agreed to continue talks aimed at finding common ground between the two sides, an envoy for the Dalai Lama, Tibetan Buddhist's spiritual leader, said Wednesday.

The envoy, Lodi Gyari, headed a delegation that returned to the Tibetan exile government's headquarters at Dharmasala in northern India on Oct. 1 after two weeks of discussions with China. In a statement, he described the talks, held in Beijing, as "the most extensive and serious exchange of views on matters relating to Tibet so far."

**Bosnia border security:** Bosnia has intensified security along Bosnia-Herzegovina's borders following reports that war-crimes suspect Radovan Karadzic is hiding in neighboring Serbia-Montenegro, Bosnian media reported Wednesday.

The Sarajevo daily Dnevni Avaz quoted an unnamed state border service official as saying that Karadzic most probably would want to return to the Serb half of Bosnia. Media in Serbia-Montenegro have reported that he was in hiding in the vicinity of the Montenegro ser resort Budva.

**Milosevic witnesses:** Slobodan Milosevic's attorney told the U.N. war crimes tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands, on Wednesday that the number of defense witnesses willing to appear in court is at a critical low.

Many witnesses slated to testify on Milosevic's behalf refused to appear after the former Yugoslav president was indicted from conducting his own defense, his lawyer Steven Kay said.

He said some witnesses might "reconsider their positions" after an appeals court rules on whether to allow Milosevic to again represent himself, as he did during the first two years of his trial. A hearing on the appeal is set for Oct. 21, but it was not clear when the five-judge appellate court would deliver its ruling.

### War on terrorism

**German stance on Iraq:** The German government said Wednesday that it won't budge from its refusal to send troops to Iraq, reinforcing its position after the country's defense minister appeared to suggest that Berlin might one day consider a deployment.

Germany strongly opposed the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq and has refused to send any troops to the country — a position that officials have said will hold no matter who wins the U.S. presidential election.

### Military

**Missile defense:** The military plans to place a sixth ballistic missile interceptor inside a silo at Fort Greely, Alaska, by the end of the month, nearing the end of the initial test phase for a national defense system critics contend is still highly flawed.

To prepare for activation, the military is conducting exercises and tests at the Interior or Alaska post, where five of the 55-foot-long rockets have been installed since July, as an essential component of the Bush administration's national security policy.

Stories and photos from wire services

# Insurgent attacks in Iraq kill 6 U.S. soldiers

BY ROBERT H. REID

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A suicide attack and roadside bombings killed six American soldiers, the U.S. command said Wednesday, as U.S. and Iraqi troops staged raids in Ramadi and Baquba, stepping up pressure on Sunni insurgents before this week's start of the Islamic holy month of Ramadan.

A suicide driver plowed into a U.S. convoy and blew up his car Wednesday in the northern city of Mosul, killing two American soldiers and wounding five, according to the military. Two of the wounded returned to duty later in the day, the military said.

It was the second deadly suicide attack against American soldiers in Mosul in the past three days. One U.S. soldier was killed Monday in a similar suicide operation.

During Wednesday's raids, U.S. troops swept into the Sunni stronghold of Ramadi and joined Iraqi police and National Guardsmen in raids in Baquba after a day of fierce clashes in militant enclaves stretching from the gates of Baghdad to the Syrian border.

Last year, insurgents sharply increased their attacks against U.S. and coalition forces during Ramadan, expected to start at the end of this week. U.S. officials believe they will see a special place in paradise if they die in a jihad, or holy war, during Ramadan.

Three of the U.S. deaths occurred last Tuesday when a roadside bomb exploded near a U.S. convoy in eastern Baghdad, the U.S. command said. Another

American soldier died in a bombing before dawn Wednesday in western Baghdad.

More than 1,000 U.S. and Iraqi troops launched two simultaneous raids Wednesday around Baquba, 35 miles northeast of Baghdad, to clear the area of insurgents.

One of the early morning operations took place just south of the city, in the village of Daliyah, said Capt. Marshall Jackson, spokesman for the 3rd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division. Several people were detained. The American also took place in Baquba though no location was given.

In an unrelated attack, a police captain was killed Wednesday in a drive-by shooting near Baquba, officials said. Insurgents regularly target Iraq's security forces, which are seen as collaborators with the United States and its allies.

Meanwhile, Iraq's interim government assured the International Atomic Energy Agency that all nuclear facilities under its control were well protected.

In a letter to the U.N. Security Council on Monday, IAEA chief Mohamed ElBaradei said satellite photos and follow-up investigations show "widespread and apparently systematic dismantlement" at sites related to Iraq's nuclear program that had once been subject to stringent monitoring.

Investigators seeking evidence to use in a future trial of Saddam Hussein uncovered more than 100 bodies in a mass grave near the northern Iraqi village of Habbaniya. The bodies were believed to be Kurds killed during Saddam's crackdown in 1987-88.



Iraqi police stand near a burning U.S. military vehicle Wednesday after it came under attack in Mosul, Iraq. AP

## U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Tuesday, 1,072 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to the Defense Department. Of those, 817 died as a result of hostile action and 255 died of nonhostile causes. The figures include three military civilians.

The British military has reported 67 deaths; Italy, 19; Poland, 13; Spain, 11; Bulgaria, six; Ukraine, eight; Slovakia, three; Thailand, two; the Netherlands, two; and Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary and Latvia have reported one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 934 U.S. military members have died —

708 as a result of hostile action and 226 of nonhostile causes, according to the military's numbers as of Tuesday.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

■ No deaths reported.

The latest identifications reported by the military:

■ Army Spc. Morgan N. Jacobs, 20, Santa Cruz, Calif., died Thursday of injuries received the day before when an explosive detonated near his vehicle in Aaliyah, Iraq, assigned to the 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, Schweinfurt, Germany.

■ Army Pfc. Aaron J. Rusin, 19, Johnstown, Pa., died Monday of injuries received Sunday when his vehicle came under fire in Baghdad, assigned to the 4th Engineer Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Horner, South Korea.

## Official: Funds bring stability

Iraqi deputy prime minister pleads for aid, slams United Nations at donors' meeting

BY ERIC TALMADGE

The Associated Press

TOKYO — Iraq's deputy leader pressed donors to deliver on pledges for reconstruction in his war-torn nation, as U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage acknowledged that Washington was among the nations that hadn't sent money to Iraq as quickly as initially promised.

Since pledging \$13.6 billion in grants and loans last year, 37 countries and international lending institutions have paid only about \$1 billion to World Bank and United Nations funds for Iraq. Much of the money has been diverted from building projects to pay for security amid continuing attacks by insurgents.

At the opening of a 57-nation, two-day conference in Tokyo on Wednesday, Deputy Prime Minister Barham Saleh said Iraq was the best way to bring stability to more parts of the country.

"The environment and stability in Iraq cannot be driven through the barrels of guns," Saleh said in an impassioned speech.

"Please do not delay — the time to make firm commitments is now. Honor your pledges now," he said before the delegates met behind closed doors for several hours of talks.

This week's conference is the first since the new Iraqi government assumed power in July. It ends Thursday with a discussion about the funds for Iraq run by the United Nations and the World Bank.

After the first donors' conference in Madrid last year, other meetings followed, most recently in Doha, Qatar in May. But instability in Iraq has stalled reconstruction efforts.

With national elections in Iraq scheduled for January, Iraq's interim cabinet appears eager to restore order and governance.

Armitage acknowledged the slow pace and said the recent use of U.S. funds for security has created a "void," particularly in the electrical and water sectors in Iraq.

"It took longer than necessary to get our act together prior to



Richard Armitage

turning over sovereignty," he said. But he added: "It's not a complete void."

Armitage stressed that the United States — Iraq's leading donor nation — is "picking up the pace."

The United States has disbursed about \$3 billion for reconstruction so far, including about one-third in the past 12 weeks, and Armitage said he expects Washington to soon disburse about \$400 million a month.

## U.S. official says insurgency slowing reconstruction work

BY NADIA ABOU EL-MAGD

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraq's persistent insurgency has slowed reconstruction work and driven up security costs for hundreds of projects in the country, a U.S. official involved with the efforts said Wednesday.

Despite a "significant drop" in the number of attacks against convoys, facilities and personnel in the last week, "we're looking again at minimization of the coalition footprint ... at the projects," said the official, who briefed reporters on condition of anonymity.

The U.S. official estimated that more than 85,000 Iraqis are employed in reconstruction efforts as laborers, subcontractors and contractors.

There are 800 projects under construction, with the goal of 1,000 by year's end.

The official said the work is not going as quickly as anyone wanted.

The initial estimate for reconstruction projects was that for every dollar spent, about 30 percent would go toward overhead,

which includes security costs. However, officials are finding that security-related costs are even higher than they anticipated.

"What we have projected as 30 cents overhead [for every dollar spent] and 70 cents for construction is looking in some sectors to be 50 cents overhead, 50 cents for reconstruction," he said.

The most difficult projects in terms of security are oil pipelines and their distribution network, he said.

Lack of security has been a critical factor in delaying the disbursement of aid and economic reconstruction in Iraq. Insurgents have stepped up their attacks to try to drive coalition troops and reconstruction workers out of the country.

Only \$1.2 billion has been spent out of the \$18.4 billion approved by Congress for Iraq reconstruction in 2004. Joint U.S.-U.N. estimates have predicted that another \$55 billion is needed for the next four years.

Of \$13.6 billion in Iraq aid pledged by 37 countries a year ago, less than \$1 billion has materialized.

# Helping build a society worth fighting for



TERRY BOYD/Stars and Stripes

With elections, growing stability and more visible governmental authority on the streets, something like normalcy is the rule in Afghanistan, even in towns such as Asadabad, just a few miles from the Pakistan border.

## Officials say U.S. efforts in Afghanistan are turning from warfighting to improving lives, infrastructure

BY TERRY BOYD  
Stars and Stripes

ASADABAD FIREBASE, Afghanistan — With the first Afghan presidential election complete, the effort to extend the power of the central government may have reached the tipping point.

Now the challenge is to help the Afghans build a society worth fighting for, said Capt. William Boyd, engineer with a Provincial Reconstruction Team.

Sending 20,000 U.S. soldiers to rid "every nook and cranny" of Taliban, militants and renegade warlords is impractical, Boyd said. But the U.S. military can defeat the bad guys by empowering the Afghans, he said.

Winning may hinge on the kind of power that comes not from the barrel of a gun, but from a wall socket.

At the dedication of a recently completed project, Afghanistan's education minister joked how great Americans are at building schools, but added they had been taking forever to build the hydroelectric plant, Boyd said of the minister's comments.

PRT officials had civilian contractors assess what it would take to boost a facility near Asadabad from its current 12 percent capacity to full power. But the \$6.7 million price tag is far beyond the PRT's \$25,000 limit from the Commander's Emergency Relief Pro-

gram or the regional commander's \$200,000 limit.

"Right now, we don't have that kind of money," Boyd said, adding that it could take months for the bidding process, something the Afghans interpret as lack of American commitment.

**"They've got the schools. Now they're asking for assistance on big projects."**

Capt. William Boyd  
Engineer

In this new phase, limited U.S. resources are running up against Afghanistan's unlimited needs and high expectations.

"They've got the schools," Boyd said. "Now they're asking for assistance on big projects."

Even in eastern Afghanistan's Kunar province, one of the more remote and unstable areas, the guarded consensus among U.S. soldiers and civilians is that the insurgency is waning. That said, they say this unconventional war may demand an unconventional definition of victory.

It's unrealistic to expect Afghanistan to transform itself overnight into a liberal, Western-style society, they say.

Afghans still must be intro-

duced to the most fundamental procedures of modern society, such as paying utility bills, Boyd said. The most realistic outcome the U.S. military can hope for is that Afghanistan isn't going to harbor terrorists such as Osama bin Laden, he and others said.

Even with the trend toward stability, it's still possible that Afghanistan could sink back into chaos.

Rebuilding Afghanistan has two enemies at this point, said a U.S. official: "The warlords and our own bureaucracy."

Bureaucrats are "worried about a few cents falling off the cart" in inefficiently spent funds, said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity. But failure to finance infrastructure projects now could lead to big problems down the road, he said.

Three years after Sept. 11, 2001, bin Laden is still out there, but the Taliban are long out of power and there are signs of hope.

The turnout for the presidential election was heavy and voting took place in a mostly peaceful environment.

In a meeting Monday with U.S. officials at the Firebases, Asadabad, one local leader compared Afghanistan's first election to Eid, the end of Ramadan fasting and a time of celebration and feasting. U.S. officials in Kabul say intelligence indicates large groups of former Taliban and members of the Afghan terrorist organization Hezb-e-Islami Gulbuddin, also known as HIG, have approached local leaders to reconcile.

Local leaders regularly come to the Asadabad base, seeking help with projects and leaving detailed intelligence about local corruption and Taliban sympathizers — some of whom are still in power — with U.S. officials.

Perhaps 80 percent of the people support the new Afghanistan, Boyd said, adding that Kunar province could become a model for all of Afghanistan.

He sees plenty of tangible improvements, such as water distribution, new schools and hospitals. But the U.S. military has reached a critical juncture: the hydroelectric dam.

"We need to bring a TVA to the Kunar Valley," said Maj. John Wilt, PRT team leader, referring to the Tennessee Valley Authority, a Franklin D. Roosevelt-era project that brought electricity to rural sections of Tennessee and Kentucky.

With electricity "comes jobs, education and development," Wilt said.

The Afghans themselves are conscious of fighting behind their regional rivals, Pakistan and India, during years of Soviet domination, followed by civil war, soldiers and civilians said.

"They're two generations ... and it shows in the fact that property has not been improved — no electricity, no sewage, no water," Boyd said.

## U.S. works in small teams to rout insurgents

ASADABAD, Afghanistan — Fighting the war to keep the Taliban and other extremists out is an incredibly complex proposition. Conventional large-unit warfare long ago gave way to small teams working to undermine insurgent support in remote villages while fighting in the mountains.

Leading this covert war are teams of U.S. Special Operations Command soldiers and airmen, intelligence agents, civilian police and paramilitary operatives working with Afghan National Army and Afghan special forces.

U.S. Special Forces told Stars and Stripes they've had several major battles in Kunar province since August.

Also participating in incursions into enemy areas are security forces attached to Provisional Reconstruction Team bases. They are mostly drawn from National Guard and Reserve units, as well as the Hawaii-based 25th Infantry Division.

Light infantry soldiers with the Fort Bragg, N.C., based 82nd Airborne Division, sent to Afghanistan to bolster security for the elections, have switched to running missions into enemy hot spots.

While Afghanistan is an unconventional war, the tactics and strategy are not new. U.S. forces are using conventional anti-insurgency tactics dating back to the Vietnam War.

One reason these tactics seem to be working is a reservoir of good will for Americans left over from the 1980s, when the U.S. government assisted rebels in defeating the Soviets, said Capt. John Wilt, 450th Civil Affairs, a reservist from Maryland who wears Ranger, Special Forces and Airborne tabs.

American troops are not in Afghanistan in



TERRY BOYD/Stars and Stripes

U.S. Special Forces teams, not conventional units, do most of the fighting in Afghanistan's remote areas. The teams fight by gaining intelligence through cultivating relationships with local leaders, then hunting down suspects. Here, a MK-19 gun rakes a hillside with 40 mm grenades during fighting in the mountains of eastern Afghanistan.

overwhelming numbers, but rather integrated with Afghan forces, according to Wilt, the PRT team leader. "It's important to put an Afghan face on it, while staying committed ... to staying."

In other parts of Afghanistan, covert teams — referred to as Operational Detachments, Alpha, or ODA teams — typically pay local powerbrokers to use their militias, which are not controlled by the central government in

Kabul, to battle insurgents. In eastern Afghanistan, the 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne) teams are relying solely on Afghan troops they trained. The new Afghan military is showing signs of maturity in capability and reliability.

However, one Special Forces officer said, Afghan soldiers remain strongly influenced by traditional family and tribal ties than any allegiances to the new military.

— Terry Boyd

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# Commander touts Afghan elections

## 'Rule of the gun' over, Barno says

BY STEPHEN GRAHAM  
The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — The successful Afghan election "spells the end" of the rule of the gun in the war-battered country, the top U.S. commander here said Wednesday, although he added that American troops have been re-mained for the foreseeable future.

The upbeat assessment came as a panel of foreign experts began to work through a total of 43 complaints of irregularities received by the 16 candidates in Saturday's first direct presidential vote.

Vote counting, which still hasn't begun four days after the vote, cannot start until all 43 complaints are reviewed.

Craig Jenness, a Canadian who is one of the three panelists, said election officials have given candidates until Thursday to file additional complaints, but that vote counting would not be held up by those new complaints. Final results are not expected until late October.

Meanwhile, eight people stranded for 24 hours since a helicopter sent to retrieve balloons crash-landed in northeastern Afghanistan were rescued Wednesday, said U.S. spokesman Mampou de Almeida e Silva. The crash slowed collection of ballots from the region.

LT. Gen. David Barno, the top U.S. commander, said the election was an important milestone.



Afghan election officials sort presidential election ballots Wednesday at a counting center in Kabul.

"This turning point spells the end of more than two decades of the rule of the gun in this nation and confirms the bright hope of all the Afghan people in a democratic future centered on the rule of law," he said.

Barno's comment came as NATO defense ministers met in Romania to consider issues including merging U.S.-led forces in Afghanistan with the alliance's separate contingent.

France and Germany on Wednesday rejected American suggestions that NATO's peacekeeping mission in Afghanistan

and the larger U.S.-led combat operation hunting Taliban and al-Qaida fighters be integrated under a single command.

However, NATO defense ministers agreed to order military commanders to draw up plans to boost cooperation between the two forces.

The United States, backed by Britain, wants greater integration between the 18,000-strong mission it leads to hunt down Taliban and al-Qaida fighters and the 9,000 NATO peacekeepers currently operating in the Afghan capital of Kabul and five northern provinces.

NATO officials were hopeful a solution could be found that would increase cooperation and cut duplication by allowing greater sharing of supplies, transport and other logistics between the two forces.

Barno said combat operations would need to continue against remnants of the Taliban and other anti-government forces, warning of a possible "spike" in violence during the Islamic holy month of Ramadan.

"Coalition forces for the foreseeable future will certainly maintain their role here," he said.

# Rebuild: Making most of resources

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Afghanistan has abundant natural resources, including natural gas, strategic mineral reserves and jewels. But there is no way to transport cargo, Boyd said, noting roads are so bad it takes about six hours to drive 60 miles to Jalalabad from Asadabad.

Increasing security is allowing aid organizations such as the U.S. Agency for International Development and the United Nations to start building roads and power plants. At the same time, PRTs across Afghanistan are creating police stations and governmental offices at the district level, said Boyd. Those offices could help measure victory.

"A tangible sign we've succeeded is when we get to a place where these village elders go to the governor's house first," Boyd said.

The question now becomes how long the U.S. presence will be necessary, and most soldiers and civilian government officials believe a realistic estimate is two decades.

But with elections behind them, PRT officials believe the Taliban have lost the initiative to U.S. policymakers, who they believe can shorten that stay with a full commitment.

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## XVIII Airborne readies for deployment to Iraq, relieving Fort Hood unit

BY JON R. ANDERSON  
Stars and Stripes

The Fort Bragg, N.C.-based XVIII Airborne Corps is preparing to take over the reigns of combat operations in Iraq.

The corps begins its weekend Mission Rehearsal Exercise — a kind of predeployment final exam — on Saturday, according to corps spokesman Col. Billy Buckner. Once certified mission-ready, the corps headquarters will begin deployment in January, he said.

The XVIII Airborne, led by LT. Gen. John Vines, will relieve the Fort Hood, Texas-based III Corps, which took over in February.

Meanwhile, support units, including the 525th Military Intelligence Brigade, 1st Corps Support Command and 18th Soldier Support Group, will start deploying next month in preparation for the handoff.

In all, some 8,000 Fort Bragg-based soldiers will deploy to Iraq in the coming months.

Vines and his staff are slated to formally take over responsibility for Iraq in late February.

The deployment marks the second combat tour for XVIII Airborne Corps in the past three years. The corps headquarters led operations in Afghanistan for about a year beginning in June 2002.

The corps' assumption of duties in Iraq will coincide with a massive turnover of forces in the region as the military shifts from Operation Iraqi Freedom II to OIF III.

As many of the current units rotate out of Iraq, in-bound units falling under the corps will include:

■ 3rd Infantry Division from Fort Stewart, Ga.

■ II Marine Expeditionary Force from Camp Lejeune, N.C.

■ 42nd Infantry Division from the New York National Guard.

Elements of the 101st Airborne Division, from Fort Campbell, Ky.

The leaders and key staff from those units are now at Fort Bragg to prepare for the mission rehearsal exercise, said Buckner.

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"...security comes from within...and the security of all men is founded upon the security of the individual."

-M. Hall

# Allawi seeks al-Zarqawi

## Iraqi premier threatens military action on Fallujah if locals don't hand over terrorist

BY RAWYA RAGEH  
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraq's interim prime minister threatened military action Wednesday against the main insurgent stronghold of Fallujah if residents don't hand over Jordanian terror mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

Fallujah, in Iraq's Sunni Muslim heartland, is believed to be a stronghold of al-Zarqawi's feared Tawhid and Jihad group, which has kidnapped and beheaded numerous foreigners and has carried out a number of bloody bombings and attacks.

"If they do not turn in al-Zarqawi and his group, we will carry out operations in Fallujah," Prime Minister Ayad Allawi told a meeting of the interim National Council. "We will not be lenient."

Allawi urged anxious council members, who expressed concern about a wave of bombings, kidnappings and other attacks, to "have faith in yourself and in Iraq."

However, he conceded: "The more we crack down on terrorist havens, the more these strikes are going to increase."

U.S. and Iraqi authorities have used a mix of diplomacy and force to try to regain control of insurgent enclaves in time to hold nationwide elections in January.

U.S. forces have staged weeks of "precision strikes" in Fallujah aimed at al-Zarqawi's network and its associates, even as government negotiators meet with tribal elders and religious leaders to hammer out a deal to bring the city under government control.

"Fallujah of course is a honest city but it has been manipulated by a deviant bunch that wants to harm Iraq," Allawi said.

He promised to show council members photographs and documents confirming terrorist activity in the city and other insurgent strongholds such as recently reclaimed Samarra and the Baghdad district of Sadr City.

"You can see for yourself the evil of these people and their ongoing fight to strike Iraq," Allawi said. "We have no details."

Fallujah, 40 miles west of Bag-

# Fallujah moving against foreign insurgent groups

BY KARL VICK  
The Washington Post

BAGHDAD — Local insurgents in the city of Fallujah are turning against the foreign fighters who have been their allies in the rebellion that has held the U.S. military at bay in parts of Iraq's Sunni Muslim heartland, according to Fallujah residents, insurgent leaders and Iraqi and U.S. officials.

Relations are deteriorating as local fighters negotiate to avoid a U.S.-led military offensive against Fallujah, while foreign fighters press to attack Americans and their Iraqi supporters. The disputes have spilled over into harsh words and sporadic violence, with Fallujians killing at least five foreign Arabs in recent weeks, according to witnesses.

"If the Arabs will not leave willingly, we will make them leave by force," said Jamal Adnan, a taxi driver who left his house in Fallujah's Shurta neighborhood a month ago after the house next door was bombed by U.S. aircraft targeting foreign insurgents.

Located 35 miles west of Baghdad in Iraq's Sunni Triangle, Fallujah has been outside the control of Iraqi authorities and U.S. military forces since April, when a siege by U.S. Marines was lifted and Iraqi security forces were given responsibility for the city's security.

Local and foreign insurgents gradually gained control, and Iraq and U.S. officials say Fallujah has become a principal

source of instability in the country.

U.S. and Iraqi authorities together have insisted that if Fallujah is to avoid an all-out assault aimed at regaining control of the city, foreign fighters must be ejected. Several local leaders of the insurgency say they, too, want to expel the foreigners, whom they scorn as terrorists.

Their particular contempt for Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, the Jordanian whose Montheism and Jihad group has asserted responsibility for many of the deadliest attacks across Iraq, including videotaped beheadings. "He is mentally deranged, has distorted the image of the resistance and defamed it. I believe his end is near," Abu Abdallah Dulaimi, military commander of the First Army of Mohammed, said recently.

One of the foreign guerrillas killed by local fighters was Abu Abdallah Suri, a Syrian and a prominent member of al-Zarqawi's group, whose body was discovered Sunday. Suri was shot in the head and chest while being chased by a carload of tribesmen, according to a security guard who said he witnessed the killing.

Residents say foreign fighters recently have taken to gathering in Fallujah's grimy commercial district after being denied shelter by a carload of tribesmen because their presence so often attracts U.S. warplanes. The airstrikes and turmoil in the streets have spurred perhaps half of the city's 300,000 residents to flee, residents and officials said.

dad, fell under the control of hardline Islamic clerics and their armed followers after Marines ended a three-week siege in late April. Both sides have said they are close to an agreement but that several details remain unresolved, including how Iraqi forces would enter the city.

Similar talks in Sadr City yielded

ed a pledge last week by Shiite militia fighters to hand over their medium and heavy weapons in return for cash payments and a suspension of raids.

After a slow start Monday, Alawi said weapons handovers were now taking place on a "large scale" and some \$800,000 had been paid out in the past 24 hours.

lah Ali al-Sistani said in a statement released by his office.

Al-Sistani called for committees to be formed to help people take part in the balloting, "which we hope will take place on time and that it will be free and with the participation of all Iraqis," the statement said.

## Lyndne England gives birth

FORT BRAGG, N.C. — Pfc. Lyndne England, the Army reservist who faces a court-martial for her role in the Abu Ghraib prisoner abuse scandal, has given birth to a baby fathered by Spc. Charles Granter Jr., another soldier charged in the case.

England, 21, had the baby Sunday at the hospital at Fort Bragg, base spokesman Col. Billy Buckner said Wednesday.

From The Associated Press



Retired Army Gen. Tommy Franks, who oversaw the U.S. invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq, acknowledges applause Tuesday at Okaloosa-Walton College in Niceville, Fla., where he spoke on behalf of President Bush's re-election.

# Franks says U.S. should have hired Iraqi soldiers

BY BILL KACORZ  
The Associated Press

NICEVILLE, Fla. — The United States should have quickly reformed the Iraqi army after months of its soldiers walked off the battlefield and got them "working for us," retired Gen. Tommy Franks said Tuesday.

Franks, who oversaw combat in Iraq and Afghanistan, told reporters it may have taken "a couple billion dollars," but that he would have liked to have put Iraqi troops "back on the payroll right quick."

"What we could have done better, should have done better, what I would have liked to have seen done better, once they were gone, is hire them back," the former Army general said before making his first Florida campaign appearance as President Bush.

Neither Bush nor Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld should be blamed because Congress never appropriated money for that purpose and no other country offered to pay for it, Franks said.

"I fault bureaucratic behavior in my own country and in the international community," he said.

Franks spoke with reporters before addressing a staunchly Republican, pro-Bush crowd of about 800 at Okaloosa-Walton College in this military town. Niceville is within earshot of war planes landing and taking off at nearby Eglin Air Force Base.

Visiting northwestern Florida after appearing with Bush in Colorado, Franks also disputed statements attributed to him in "Intelligence Matters," a new book by Sen. Bob Graham.

The Florida Democrat wrote that Franks told him in February 2002, more than a year before the Iraq invasion, that his resources already were being shifted for that conflict.

Graham also contends Franks told him fighting terrorism in Afghanistan, Somalia and elsewhere should take priority over invading Iraq.

"Not at one point — ever — did I ever question the need to move into Iraq," Franks said.

Franks said Saddam Hussein already was harboring terrorists and that eight years of U.S. pilots getting shot at while enforcing sanctions against Iraq was enough and it was time to act.

# Indelible ink to be used in Iraq vote

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Voters in Iraq's January elections will have their thumbs marked with indelible ink to prevent them casting ballot more than once, the Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq announced Wednesday.

The system sparked controversy in Afghanistan's presidential elections last weekend, where an independent panel of experts is looking into opposition complaints that the ink used in some polling stations could be rubbed off.

Farid Ayar, who sits on the Iraqi commission's board, said it would be impossible to remove the ink used here before at least 48 hours. Asked whether chemicals could be used to remove it, he said: "Yes, but it will burn the thumb."

The announcement came as the commission publicized rules governing the eligibility of candidates for the election to determine the composition of an 275-seat assembly whose main task will be to draft a permanent constitution for Iraq. If adopted, the document will be the basis for a second general election by Dec. 15, 2005.

## Saddam hernia repaired

BAGHDAD — Saddam Hussein underwent surgery two weeks ago to repair a hernia and has made a full recovery, a U.S. official said Wednesday.

The ousted dictator was taken to the Ibn Sina hospital near the U.S.-controlled Green Zone for the procedure, which was performed by Iraqi doctors, according to Iraqi sources close to the Human Rights Ministry.

## Al-Sistani urges Iraqis to vote

NAJAF, Iraq — Iraq's top Shiite cleric is urging Iraqis to register to vote in the January elections, his office said Tuesday.

"All citizens eligible for voting, both males and females, should make sure that their names are correctly written in the electoral record," Grand Ayatol-

# V Corps training for possible return to Iraq

By JON R. ANDERSON  
Stars and Stripes

HEIDELBERG, Germany — The Army headquarters that led the blitzkrieg invasion of Iraq and the first year of occupation duties there, launched initial field maneuvers this week in preparation to return to the war zone.

"We are operating on the assumption that some or all of us will be going back into the fight," Col. Sean MacFarland, head of operations for the Germany-based V Corps, told Stars and Stripes.

Exactly when that will be, he said, remains to be seen. Officials are remaining tight-lipped on specific deployment plans.

But with the Army outfitted with only three active corps — the nucleus for the top field command units in Iraq — MacFarland said it's only a matter of time. The Fort Hood, Texas-based III Corps replaced V Corps in February and XVIII Airborne Corps, from Fort Bragg, N.C., is preparing to relieve III Corps early next year. If the cycle of yearlong deployments repeats itself, that would put V Corps on its way to Iraq in early 2006. Army leaders, however, have expressed hope of reducing Iraq tours to six months. That could mean a turnaround back to Iraq for V Corps as early as the summer of 2005.

Regardless, MacFarland said, the corps could be ready to deploy as early as April. In the meantime, there's a lot of work to be done.

## Victory Start

Involving more than 3,000 troops, the corps began Victory Start on Monday.



DENNIS JOHNSON/Courtesy of the U.S. Army

Under the watchful eye of an exercise observer, in background with white band on helmet, soldiers of V Corps' 94th Engineer Battalion set up a security perimeter during a halt in convoy training at the Grafenwöhr Training Area, Germany.

The exercise is designed as the first major building block in the reconstitution of the corps' war-fighting skills since top staff and main support units returned from Baghdad.

Although troops have been setting up for the war games for the past two weeks, the exercise itself runs through Monday, split about 200 miles apart on opposite sides of central Germany. To the west, about 750 troops will work from the 1st Armored Division headquarters in Wiesbaden and 2,400 troops operate from the Army's main training range in Grafenwöhr, to the east.

The separation will allow commanders to replicate the vast distances units must work across in Iraq, a crawl, walk, run approach to this, and Victory Start is the crawl-to-walk phase," said MacFarland.

"We'll fire up all of our equipment and give the staff some scenarios to work through," he said. "With about one-third of the staff new to the corps since it returned from Iraq in February, 'this gives everyone an opportunity to work together for the first time and establish our battle rhythm.'"

## Deployment focus

With Victory Start under its belt, the corps staff will shift focus from training to the real-world oversight of pushing Europe-based units deploying to Afghanistan and Iraq. That will include, for example, training assistance for the Southern European Task Force, which is slated to take over command duties in Afghanistan.

"Then we'll shift back to training our reserves in March," said MacFarland.

In mid-March, the corps will return to the field for Victory Focus, for the "run level" of the corps' train-up.

The weeklong exercise will be conducted mostly at Grafenwöhr and be run by the Army's Battle Command Training Program from Fort Leavenworth, Kan. The program's staffs operate as a combination of evaluators and a free-thinking "opposing force" in simulations.

"We'll be in good shape after Victory Focus," said MacFarland. In terms of what comes next, however, "after that, it kind of gets a little murky, to be perfectly honest," he added.

The corps has canceled its annual Victory Strike exercise in Poland.

Considered the pinnacle of the corps' annual training plan, Victory Strike had been slated to run Aug. 15 to Sept. 15 next year.

"We really haven't been able to shape that time frame very well, due to all the uncertainty," said MacFarland.

Instead, whenever the corps does get its orders for deployment, the staff and support units will undergo a three-week Mission Rehearsal Exercise to certify the staff is good to go.

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# Navy secretary pares list of regulations

By JASON CHUDY  
Stars and Stripes

Navy folks: Have you ever wondered how to shelter homeless people on your base? Are you unsure how to conduct foreign military sales with the Federal Republic of Germany?

If so, you're now on your own. Last month, Secretary of the Navy Gordon England canceled more than two dozen "outdated and no longer relevant instructions," according to a recent Navy message.

"As part of our ongoing effort to improve effectiveness and effi-

ciency within the Department of the Navy," the message opened, "we initiated a review of all SECNAV instructions. This review has proceeded exceedingly well."

Some of the canceled instructions and regulations are out of date, such as SECNAV Notes 5120 and 7401, which direct the Navy's 1998 U.S. Savings Bond campaign and the "Procurement Request for Overprinted Wage and Tax Statement, IRS Form W-2 for 1998."

Some just sound unusual, such as SECNAV instruction 11103.2, the Navy's "Shelter for the Homeless Program."

Other canceled instructions still seem relevant, such as those on "First Aid Education and Training for Military Personnel" or one covering the "Worldwide Military Command and Control Systems."

Secretary of the Navy spokesman Capt. Kevin Wensing said that many of the canceled instructions either are no longer applicable or are redundant, as the information in them is covered by instructions issued by other Navy commands.

"As we streamline, simplify and reduce SECNAV instructions, it is my intention that all echelons within the naval service do likewise," England wrote.

The message also states that another 300 instructions are being reviewed "with the expectation that most will be either significantly revised and/or can-

## Canceled instructions

The Secretary of the Navy recently canceled more than two dozen instructions that were deemed "outdated and no longer relevant."

■ SECNAVINST 1730.6 — "Visits of Civilians to Overseas Areas."

■ SECNAVINST 5430.1A — "Foreign Military Sales Between the U.S. and the Federal Republic of Germany."

■ SECNAVNOTE 5029 — "Assignment of a Name to a Dock Landing Ship."

■ SECNAVINST 5070.3A — "Naval Service General Library Program."

■ SECNAVNOTE 5430.4A — "Establishment of New Name and Mission Statement for the Naval Undersea Museum, Keyport, Washington."

■ SECNAVNOTE 7401 — "Procurement Request for Overprinted Wage and Tax Statement, IRS Form W-2 for 1998."

■ SECNAVINST 11103.2 — "Ship Cost Adjustment (SCA) Report."

■ SECNAVINST 11103.704 — "Homeowners Assistance Program."

■ SECNAVINST 11103.2 — "Shelter for the Homeless Program."

■ SECNAVINST 11300.1A — "Utility Services; Sale."

Another 300 instructions are being reviewed for relevance and by year's end will be either kept or canceled.

Stars and Stripes

celed" by year's end.

So, if you have questions about the "Establishment of New Name and Mission Statement for the Naval Undersea Museum, Keyport, Washington," you'd better call the museum directly, because 1987's SECNAV instruction 5430.94 has hereby been canceled.

The list of canceled instructions is available at [www.militarycomputers.us/navy/alanv/40404081.chudy](http://www.militarycomputers.us/navy/alanv/40404081.chudy).

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## IN THE STATES

# FCC levies \$1.2M fine for 'indecent' show

BY LEON LAZAROFF  
AND JOHN COOK

Chicago Tribune

NEW YORK — Fox Broadcasting Co. was hit Tuesday with the largest indecency fine for a television show, a nearly \$1.2 million penalty that underscores the federal government's drive to set standards for proper language and behavior in broadcasting.

The Federal Communications Commission ruled that on April 2003 episode of the reality show "Married By America" violated federal indecency codes. The program included scenes from Las Vegas bachelor and bachelorette parties featuring strippers and various sexual situations.

The proposed fine for Fox, which totals \$1.183 million, is an-

## Sexual content cited on Fox's 'Married By America'

other in a string of recent indecency fines against television and radio companies. The indecency issue was brought into stark relief last winter when Janet Jackson's breast was exposed during the Super Bowl halftime show on CBS.

In a statement, Fox said, "We disagree with the FCC's decision and believe the content was not indecent."

The network has 30 days to appeal. The proposed fine of \$7,000 per station would be levied against all 169 Fox stations, 25 of which are owned by Fox's parent, News Corp.

The remaining stations are

owned by various media companies, including Tribune Co., which owns six Fox affiliates.

In its ruling, the FCC said that Fox "had argued that that episode did not contain descriptions or depictions of sexual or excretory organs or activities and, even if it did, the material was not patently offensive."

The FCC, though, ruled that "even with Fox's editing, the episode includes scenes in which party-goers lick whipped cream from strippers' bodies in a sexually suggestive manner. Another scene features a man on all fours in his underwear as two female strippers playfully spank him."

"Married By America," a six-episode series which received low ratings, brought together several single adults who agreed to be engaged and even marry though they had never previously met.

The FCC decided to investigate the program after receiving 159 complaints, the first of which was filed by the Parents Television Council against WTVT-TV of Tampa.

The council is a conservative media watchdog group based in Los Angeles and directed by L. Brent Hozell, who also directs the Media Research Center, which acts as a clearinghouse for groups concerned with television and radio programming.

Executive Director Tim Winter said the council aims to "protect children from graphic sex, violence and profanity in the media."

"For the first time ever, [the fine] holds all the affiliates responsible for airing a broadcast, and it's high time every licensee is held accountable," he said.

But critics contend the FCC ruling system is based on vague and subjective criteria and is due for a court challenge.

"It's another big step down the road of the FCC's seizure of authority to determine what's close to the line and what's over the line," said Floyd Abrams, an attorney who represents broadcasters.

From a First Amendment perspective, it's deeply disturbing for the FCC to play so central a role in deciding what can appear on television.

# Bush, Kerry likely to crunch the numbers in final debate

BY NEDRA PICKLER

The Associated Press

SANTA FE, N.M. — President Bush and Sen. John Kerry are likely to reach into their arsenals of statistics to bolster arguments about economic and domestic issues during the final presidential debate Wednesday night.

How many jobs have been lost and created, who is covered and who is left uninsured by medical plans, and who will pay more in taxes and who will pay less are key areas of contention between the two campaigns. With viewers expected to number in the tens of millions, the confrontation will draw the last huge audience they can expect before Election Day.

"These are the debates where actually the evidence matters. The president and his team can go around and say anything," Kerry adviser Joe Lockhart told "The Early Show" on CBS. "Evidence matters. That's why John Kerry wins these debates and George Bush loses them."

The president is widely viewed as having performed poorly in the first debate but then battling Kerry to a draw in the second. Bush campaign manager Ken Mehlman said the president views the third and final debate at Arizona State University as an opportunity and looks forward to it.

"The president knows who he is, knows what he wants to do,"

Mehlman told CBS, "and there's a huge difference between the president and Sen. Kerry on these important domestic issues."

Although the 90-minute debate is limited to economic and domestic policy, there may be questions that allow Bush to discuss foreign policy, the war in Iraq and the war against terrorism, all issues the Bush campaign thinks bow well for him.

Kerry has criticized Bush's domestic record for most of the campaign but still spent two days scheduled in a New Mexico hotel trying to master the debate material.

As in the first debate, the candidates will take questions standing at lecterns. Bob Schieffer of CBS News will moderate.

## On the issues



Should the federal government require background checks for buyers at gun shows?

### President Bush



"I believe the instant check system is the best way to keep criminals from buying guns at gun shows."

and I support changing federal law to give gun show sponsors special access to the National Instant Check System to con-

### Sen. John Kerry



"As a gun-owner and lifelong hunter who believes in the Second Amendment, I agree with John

McCain and responsible Republicans that we need to close the gun show loophole. The federal

duct checks on behalf of non-licensed vendors. My administration is continuing to improve the accuracy, efficiency and reliability of the instant check system, and has improved the rate for an immediate decision for a background check from 71 percent to 91 percent."

government should require rapid background checks for buyers at gun shows so that we can protect the rights of law-abiding Americans and keep guns out of the hands of criminals and terrorists."

AP

## Co-workers win \$214M

DOVER, Del. — A group of employees at a Delaware printing firm is stepping forward to claim a \$214.7 million Powerball jackpot, a lawyer for the group said Tuesday.

The lawyer, George B. Smith, said the winners — 33 employees at Sussex Printing Corp. who took part in an office pool — chose the cash option of almost \$117 million, rather than annuity payments stretching over 29 years.

"We had a group meeting last night," Smith said in a telephone interview. "I think they're still stunned."

He said after taxes, each of the workers will receive about \$2.2 million. Smith said the winners made up roughly three-fourths of the work force at Sussex Printing, which publishes a local advertising shopper called The Guide. He declined to identify the winners, and no one answered the telephone at the company Tuesday evening.

Delaware Lottery officials confirmed that they validated the sole winning ticket Tuesday afternoon. The (Wilmington) News Journal reported.

The \$214.7 million jackpot is the sixth-largest Powerball jackpot and the 10th-largest lottery jackpot ever, officials said.

From The Associated Press

# Supreme Court debates constitutionality of allowing states to execute teen killers

BY GINA HOLLAND

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A deeply divided Supreme Court wrestled Wednesday over allowing states to execute teenage killers, with several justices raising concerns that the United States is out of step with the rest of the world.

Texas and eighteen other states allow capital punishment for juveniles and more than 70 people who committed crimes as 16- and 17-year-olds are on death row.

The question for the justices is whether those executions are unconstitutionally cruel, the latest step in the Supreme Court's reexamination of capital punishment in America.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg said that the dividing line between adults and children is 18, "to vote, to sit on juries, to serve in the military."

The high court already has barred the death penalty for the mentally retarded and for people under age 16.

Justice Anthony M. Kennedy, expected to be a key swing vote, said he was trou-

bled by chilling details of murders committed by juveniles and the thought of erasing a deterrence for future crimes. But he also noted that the rest of the world opposes the death penalty for teens.

People with sleeping bags arrived at the court before midnight in hopes of getting a seat for the argument, which was a lively debate on subjects like gun violence, scientific evidence about brain development of teens, and world condemnation of juvenile executions.

Juvenile offenders have been executed in just a few other countries, including Iran, Pakistan, China and Saudi Arabia.

Seth Waxman, the attorney for the 17-year-old killer in this case, said those countries have now gone on record opposing capital punishment for minors. "We

Simmons

are literally alone in the world," he said. Justice John Paul Stevens asked if the court should ignore that America's global respect was on the line in the case.

Missouri's solicitor, James Layton, said the court should not be swayed by "what happens in the rest of the world." He said capital punishment decisions about age should be made by legislatures, not courts.

The Supreme Court has looked increasingly at international opinion, and its four most liberal members have gone on record against a practice they said was "a relic of the past and is inconsistent with evolving standards of decency in a civilized society."

Justices are considering a case involving the kidnapping and killing of a Missouri woman. Two teens forced the victim, wearing only underwear and cowboy boots, into a van and later threw her off a bridge to drown.

A 17-year-old, Christopher Simmons, was sentenced to die for the 1993 murder, but Missouri's highest court overturned the death sentence last year. A younger teen was sentenced to life in prison.



## IN THE WORLD

# Blair refuses to apologize for flawed Iraq intelligence

BY ED JOHNSON  
The Associated Press

LONDON — Prime Minister Tony Blair on Wednesday vigorously denied misrepresenting prewar intelligence on Iraqi weapons and rejected growing demands for an apology from opponents in Parliament who accuse him of misleading the country.

Blair again accepted that British intelligence pointing to stockpiles of chemical and biological weapons was flawed, but insisted he had been right to back the U.S.-led invasion.

"I take full responsibility and apologize for any information given in good faith that has subsequently turned out to be wrong," Blair told the House of Commons in a stormy session dominated by the war.

"What I do not in any way accept is that there was any decep-



Blair

tion of anyone. I will not apologize for removing Saddam Hussein. I will not apologize for the conflict. I believe it was right then, is right now and essential for the wider security of that region and world."

Blair's principal reason for joining the U.S.-led offensive was his belief that Saddam had stockpiles of weapons of mass destruction, or WMD. The government highlighted the danger in a September 2002 dossier as it tried to persuade a skeptical public of the need for war.

But an official inquiry con-

cluded in July that British intelligence on Iraqi WMD was flawed, that the government had pushed its case to the limits of available intelligence and had left out vital caveats in the dossier.

Four inquiries have cleared Blair's government of deliberately misleading the public about the Iraqi threat, but that has failed to satisfy his political opponents.

The Iraq Survey Group last week concluded that no WMD stockpiles existed in Iraq on the eve of the invasion. The government was further embarrassed Tuesday when it acknowledged that spy masters had now formally withdrawn a claim that Saddam could have launched chemical and biological weapons on 45 minutes' notice. The claim had featured prominently in the government's dossier.

## Germany, Italy to hold talks in Rome

ROME — German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder travels to Rome Wednesday for talks with Premier Silvio Berlusconi expected to focus on the Iraq war and reform of the U.N. Security Council. The talks are part of a daylong bilateral summit between Italy and Germany, with foreign and interior ministers from the two countries also attending.

Traditional allies in Europe, Rome and Berlin have been at odds recently over a reform of the U.N.

Security Council. Germany is lobbying for a permanent seat on the council, while Italy is pushing for the creation of a five-year rotating European seat without veto power.

Rome fears that an expanded Security Council including Germany would see Italy's influence diminished.

The current Security Council includes five permanent members — Britain, China, France, Russia and the United States — with veto power.

From The Associated Press

# Diplomats: Taiwan held nuclear tests in mid-'80s

BY GEORGE JAHN  
The Associated Press

VIENNA, Austria — Taiwan appears to have conducted experiments with plutonium up to the mid-1980s, diplomats said Wednesday, revealing a key detail about its now-abandoned nuclear weapons program.

The diplomats told The AP that their information was based on preliminary samples taken in Taiwan by inspectors of the International Atomic Energy Agency indicating that plutonium separation experiments probably continued until about 20 years ago.

Their comments added detail to what was already known about a nuclear weapons research program dating back to the 1960s that apparently was stopped in the 1970s and briefly revived in the 1980s.

The agency inspections and testing are being conducted as part of voluntary extra controls on Taiwan's peaceful nuclear program agreed to by the government.

Officials at the Vienna-based IAEA said they would not comment.

All of the diplomats are familiar with the IAEA and also spoke on condition of anonymity.

One of them cautioned against drawing parallels between Taiwan and South Korea, whose government recently acknowledged that its nuclear program dabbled in extracting plutonium and enriching uranium — both of which can be used to make nuclear arms.

While the South Korean revelations reflected continued secret weapons-related research, the fact that Taiwan had engaged in nuclear weapons research after China exploded its first bomb in the 1960s was common knowledge, he said.

What the agency now was trying to do was to flesh out details of that program, with environmental sampling and other methods, he said.

The agency was not expecting to find new experiments with possible weapons applications beyond the mid 1980s, said the diplomat. "But there will be new things they did not discover in the past" about the previously stopped program because of the extra access Taiwan was now granting agency inspectors, he said.

# Report: Al-Qaida suspects being held by CIA in Jordan

BY ADAM REYNOLDS  
The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — The Central Intelligence Agency is interrogating senior al-Qaida operatives at a secret detention center in Jordan, an Israeli newspaper reported Wednesday, citing international intelligence sources.

The report was published a day after the New York-based group Human Rights Watch said at least 11 al-Qaida suspects have "disappeared" in U.S. custody and that some have allegedly been tortured in their undisclosed locations.

The Israeli daily Haaretz said the exact location of the detention center in Jordan is not known, but that the al-Qaida detainees are believed to be held either at a facility belonging to Jordanian intelligence or at a secret military base.

Three Jordanian security officials said the Haaretz story was baseless, but refused to go on the record with their denial.

Haaretz said detaining the op-

eratives outside U.S. borders enables CIA interrogators to apply methods that are banned by U.S. law. The newspaper said that in choosing Jordan as a site for the center, the CIA also reduced the risk of leaks; Jordan has close ties with the United States.

Haaretz said its sources are considered experts in surveillance and analysis and are involved in interrogating the detainees.

Human Rights Watch said the al-Qaida prisoners who have disappeared are likely being held outside the United States without access to the Red Cross or any oversight of their treatment.

The prisoners include the alleged architect of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, as well as Abu Zubaydah, who is believed to be a close aide to Osama bin Laden. Other prisoners profiled are Ramzi bin al-Shibh, who allegedly could have been a Sept. 11 hijacker had he succeeded in obtaining a U.S. visa, and Ridwan Isamuddin, known as Hambali, an alleged al-Qaida ally in Southeast Asia.

## Possible exports of nuclear technology investigated

BERN, Switzerland — Prosecutors on Wednesday opened an investigation into two Swiss suspected of illegally exporting nuclear-bomb-making technology to Libya, a spokesman said.

A spokesman for the Federal Prosecutor's Office, Hansjürg Mark Wiedmer, declined to identify the suspects or say whether they included Swiss engineer Urs Tinner, who was arrested in Germany last week.

Swiss authorities specialized in international crimes disclosed last February that they had opened an investigation to determine whether Tinner had broken Swiss law by making precision parts in Malaysia destined for Libya.

From The Associated Press

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## Is prostitution immoral?

I am disturbed by the severity of the  
 proposed anti-prostitution law as de-  
 scribed in "DOD: Soliciting prostitute  
 could end career" (Sept. 23), and that so  
 many people agree with it because they  
 feel prostitution is "morally wrong."

The issue of legalized prostitution has  
 been almost as controversial as abortion,  
 gun control and the death penalty. Many  
 consider prostitution immoral, wrong  
 and illegal, but there are differences  
 among the three. Underage drinking is il-  
 legal, but it is wrong or immoral? Lying  
 to loved ones is wrong, but is that illegal  
 or immoral? If anyone dies, they are more  
 stupid than illegal or immoral. I want to  
 know who sets the standards for moral-  
 ity when morals are different by everyone's  
 personal opinion, and why do we make  
 laws based on moral issues?

I can understand the original reason be-  
 hind the new law — to prevent human  
 trafficking, which has a direct victim —  
 but it doesn't seem practical as a blanket,  
 worldwide law that unfortunately covers  
 gray areas. Western Europe, which has  
 the largest U.S. military presence, has  
 legal, controlled prostitution in almost  
 every country where the women are not  
 holding signs that say, "will have sex for  
 food," or being escorted to work at gun-  
 point. Many Europeans don't see a prob-  
 lem with the prostitution issue and won-  
 der why we do. I say, when it comes to  
 moral issues, if you're against it, don't do  
 it, but don't make it illegal.

Amsterdam, with its legal/tolerated  
 prostitution and military safe sex, has a  
 large amount of tourism where many  
 thousands of normal people visit and are  
 openly exposed to prostitutes on the  
 street. Every person on planet Earth can  
 legally visit a safe prostitute without fear  
 of any form of punishment, but members  
 of the U.S. military face a year in prison,  
 and a dishonorable discharge.

If I recall correctly, a dishonorable dis-  
 charge is equivalent to a felony conviction  
 by civilian standards. Is it practical  
 to give a year in prison, and a felony con-  
 viction, to an individual who commits a  
 legal act in a different country that's not  
 even a felony in the United States? I think  
 the Department of Defense really needs  
 to reconsider this issue, and the gray  
 areas in it, before the first freedom-flov-  
 ing GI's life is destroyed by it.

Master Sgt. Jason Metoxen

Ali Al Salem Air Base, Kuwait

## Impossible to effect change

As if it's not bad enough that we are  
 already the laughingstock of the world for  
 our puritanical views on sex, now some-  
 one feels the need to reinforce these be-  
 liefs with a new rule! Well, let's think  
 about this for a minute.

Let me add that I am married and my  
 wife is in agreement with me. I am not

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trying to throw women's rights back to  
 "the stone age," but whose sexes engage in  
 this, but let's face reality — it's mostly  
 the men.

First off, prostitution has been around  
 longer than any military, and all military  
 forces have engaged in it. For someone to  
 think that no one, or only a small number  
 of people, in the military have engaged in  
 this is a sure sign of blissful ignorance.  
 One has to wonder what kind of planning  
 it will take to get all the equipment back  
 from Cobra Gold (held in Thailand) as all  
 the American armed forces there will be  
 in jail! Also, ships going into port, after  
 six months at sea, are going to be a prob-  
 lem. Where will they be stored?

Using our idea of "we are protecting  
 people" is equally as foolhardy. I'm sure  
 it will make people happy to know that  
 prostitutes in Third World countries are  
 no longer working, but how happy will  
 they be to discover that those same indi-  
 viduals are now out of work and are starv-  
 ing. Remember welfare and unemploy-  
 ment checks are not offered in the major-  
 ity of the world.

One last thing along the lines of  
 "demon safety": I would guess it may be  
 safer with someone who is tested for  
 HIV/STDs every few months (as is man-  
 datory in many areas) as opposed to  
 someone you just met in a bar who may  
 never have been tested.

Staff Sgt. Glenn Fleming

Okinawa

## Could be just first restriction

Having read recent articles about  
 anti-prostitution rules in Stars and  
 Stripes, I have a few comments. Having  
 separated from the Air Force several  
 years ago and now being a contractor, I  
 really don't like the way this law (or rule)  
 is headed. The change in policy by the ex-  
 treme conservative minority seems to be  
 the start to a whole series of rules to  
 come.

I have neither hired a prostitute nor do

I intend to do so in my lifetime. I am  
 against women (and men, for that mat-  
 ter) being forced into any job or situation  
 that could be considered "human traffick-  
 ing" — to include both prostitution and  
 working in "sweet shops." However, in  
 places where prostitution is legal and the  
 majority of people selling their services  
 are doing so by choice, I don't see a prob-  
 lem.

"Prostitution" and "human traffick-  
 ing" really should be separated from  
 each other; yes, some of the prostitutes  
 may have been sold into slavery but, in  
 places where prostitution is legal, the ma-  
 jority of the prostitutes were not "sold"  
 into it.

With the current thinking that I'm per-  
 ceiving in the article and with the infor-  
 mation I've been able to find on this  
 proposed policy change, I see this becoming  
 a very serious problem in the future. I  
 see the policy-setters going after other  
 materials that the conservative minority  
 dislikes. Such things as pornography  
 were first, approximately two to three  
 years ago much of the soft-core pornogra-  
 phy was removed from the exchange  
 shelves (see [www.militarywoman.org/smrtban.htm](http://www.militarywoman.org/smrtban.htm)). As of right  
 now, the purchase and sale of such mate-  
 rial is protected under the First Amend-  
 ment.

At the time, there were a lot of nega-  
 tive comments about this course of ac-  
 tion. However, now that everyone has  
 gotten used to this change, the conservative  
 majority has decided to go in another  
 change. This is where we are right now.  
 The next item most likely will be the po-  
 licing of Internet sites that military men  
 can visit. After that change, the next  
 thing may be forbidding any premarital  
 sex. These things will be just around the  
 corner if we open the door to this sort of  
 policy change.

In places where prostitution is already  
 illegal, of course punish everyone in-  
 volved with it — the "pimp," the prosti-  
 tute and the "john." But in places where  
 it is legal, it should be treated as any  
 other form of entertainment. I would re-  
 ally like to see everyone think this pro-  
 posed punishment completely through  
 before anyone jumps up and shouts  
 "What a great idea!" You may be giving  
 up a lot more than you realize.

There is a lot of opportunity for this  
 change to actually be a positive one; how-  
 ever, it needs to be a lot more thought  
 and detailed than it seems to be. Things  
 need to be spelled out in great detail, and  
 both "human trafficking" and "prostitu-  
 tion" need to be completely defined with-  
 in the context of the policy. Without a lot  
 of forethought and great detail in the  
 defining of what is and is not "prostitu-  
 tion" and "human trafficking," this rule  
 will [result in] people being sent to prison for  
 all sorts of things that should be accept-  
 able.

David Miller

Misawa, Japan

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

HEY, READING LIST! MAN!  
 ANY DISTINGUISHED  
 REPUBLICAN LEGISLA-  
 TORS WHO WANT TO  
 VOTE ON YOUR HONEST  
 VOICES? SERIOUS?

YOU BET, CITIZEN! CHECK  
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WHOA...

THEY THINK IT  
 MIGHT'VE BEEN  
 A CONSTITUTION.



## OPINION

## A number of problems with how polls work

In the mood to decipher the indecipherable or explain the inexplicable this political season? Try reconciling two poll-tracking Web sites. Each of the two claims to offer a peek inside the minds of American voters.

Bonnie Erbe



com. This Web site's daily and rolling tracking polls provide not only national numbers, (to which so-called experts this year are paying scant attention) but also tallies of voters' inclination in the all-important battleground states. The site then projects the likely outcome of the prized Electoral College vote. More recently, I found

electoral-vote.com, which, unlike rassmusenreports.com, does not describe itself as Republican-leaning but owner Scott Rassmusen has been widely identified in the media as a Republican pollster. Its latest nationwide tracking poll revealed President Bush drew the support of 50 percent of likely voters and Sen. John Kerry drew 46 percent.

Rassmusenreports tallied the Electoral College votes as follows: Bush 240, Kerry

179. With 270 the magical number for victory, rassmusenreports.com projected no clear winner, but declared the president way ahead of the challenger, Kerry.

Electoral-vote.com, whose creator is a self-described Kerry supporter, has Kerry at 270 electoral votes (that magic number again) and Bush a "fer piece" back at 248.

We've all come to expect deviation in polls. Last month several national polls on Bush's "bounce" coming out of the Republican National Convention showed him ahead of Kerry by spreads ranging from 2 to 12 points. That's a chasm-sized gap, given pollsters are all supposed to be polling similar representative samplings of likely or registered voters.

But the difference in battleground state leanings as proclaimed on these two Web sites is even greater.

What explains the differences? Pollsters offer a number of explanations.

First, the same exact question asked in different order, or with the modification of one changed word, can produce polar opposite results. Go figure.

Then, there's this season's cacophony of the "undecided voter." People who are not truly undecided may still claim to pollsters that they are, as a way of primping for additional media attention. After all, it's the "undecideds" who are staring on national television, in thoroughly scrutinized and fawned-over focus groups, etc. It's the "Hi man, look at me," suddenly famous syndrome.

Then there are new oddities in the way pollsters poll and changes in voting patterns that combine may be throwing the precision of polling way off its usual formulaic goal. These are as follows: Pollsters tend to call registered voters and likely voters (the people they prefer to poll) from well-worn lists of phone numbers they've used in the



past. Pollsters traditionally rely on land-line home phone numbers. The trend among younger voters (the 30-and-under crowd, which is to say, a sizable segment of the U.S. population) is away from land-line home phones, toward total reliance on cell phones. Cell phones are unlisted in telephone directories.

Therefore these voters' opinions, the belief goes, are not being adequately represented in pollsters' samplings.

Then there's the huge push by both parties to register tens of thousands (if not hundreds of thousands) of new voters per state, especially in battleground states. These voters, too, do not generally appear on pollsters' lists. So their opinions may not be fairly represented.

Democrats claim to have registered larger proportions of new voters than Republicans. But then again, just because people register does not necessarily equate with hordes of new voters trudging to polling places on Election Day. Still, this change in registration patterns may be enough to throw the reliability of polls into question.

In sum, there are more questions than answers this election season about the reliability of polls. Where we end up is, not only is the American public deeply divided but our pollsters are, too.

Bonnie Erbe, host of the PBS program "To the Contrary," writes this column for Scripps Howard News Service.

## Answers to 8 questions will decide 1 veteran's vote

BY KEITH W. MINES

I am a 28-year veteran of the active Army and reserves, having served the nation in civilian and military assignments in Grenada, Honduras, El Salvador, Somalia, Haiti, Afghanistan and Iraq.

I am the son of an arthritic forward observer who fought in the Pacific in World War II, the father of a young man who will reach military age during the next administration and is anxious to get into uniform, the uncle of a Marine who was on his way to the Ramadiah-Falulah area of Iraq (his second deployment), and the second cousin of a soldier who recently returned from Sadr City.

I am from the class of Americans that fights our wars, as opposed to the class that theorizes and fantasizes about them. As the vote Nov. 2, I will not take with me the impressions garnered from the candidates' use of the armed forces as campaign props. Rather, I will ask these questions about how the next president will organize our military for war and how he will position our country:

■ Will you increase the size of the military? I have yet to meet anyone in uniform who believes that the current force is large enough to manage America's threats. In the wake of 9/11, we are involved in a manpower-intensive fight with huge unknowns. We need a big increase in our armed forces to manage the threats, several new permanent divisions for the Army and Marines and large increases in our special operations forces and reserve force, at a minimum.

■ Will you maintain the post-Vietnam force structure? After Vietnam, our military was restructured so it would be impossible to go to war without a national consensus by making Reserve and National Guard units essential to any large campaign. This

made deployments slightly slower but enhanced national support for our operations. I would be extremely leery of moves to return the military to a federal force that could be deployed without this consensus.

■ Will you build lasting alliances? Forget the go-it-alone machismo. It might bring the crowds to their feet on the campaign trail, but for the soldiers and Marines who are now deploying for the second time in Iraq, more allies would be welcome.

■ Will you carry out policies that will anger the world? There is an endless supply of recruits for al-Qaida and other terrorist spin-offs, part of the huge middle ground that is waiting to be persuaded to fight against us or to leave us alone. How we conduct ourselves in the world will help determine which way the middle moves. I want a president who is viewed positively.

■ Will you forcibly repudiate Abu Ghraib? The Abu Ghraib prison scandal may be the biggest foreign policy disaster since Vietnam. By leaving in its wake images of American sexual and physical domination of Arab men, it will inspire our enemies and enhance recruiting for groups that wish to hurt us at a time when the ability to damage us has increased manifold. I seek a president who will forcibly repudiate these actions.

■ Will you listen to your military advisers? It is understood by civilian leaders of the armed forces that their job is to set policy and allow the military to carry it out. When the civilian leadership gets too deeply involved in the nuts and bolts of military operations, things tend to go awry.

■ Do you have a strategy? Since 9/11, we have devised a number of tools for fighting

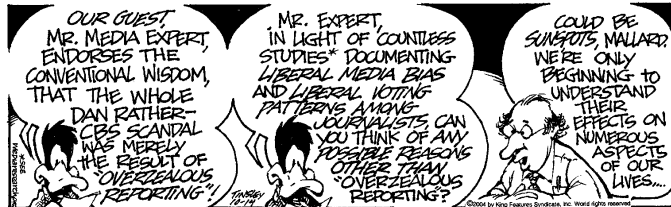
terrorism but have yet to develop a toolbox. Neither candidate has laid out a comprehensive strategy for our current conflict or a paradigm for the post-Cold War world. I would be interested in a doctrine, however flexible and broad, that could replace containment and guide our policies and practices.

■ Do you understand the world? While it is not the nature of our political system to offer leaders who are well traveled and have lived abroad, some understanding of the world would be helpful for a wartime leader. President Bush and Sen. John Kerry may continue to waste money on petty attack ads and counterattack ads if they like, but to win this veteran's vote, they would do better to answer these eight simple questions.

Keith W. Mines is a major in the Army Special Forces Reserve. This column first appeared in *The DallasTimes* Sun.

## Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



## Titanic salvages

**VA** NORFOLK — The company that owns the rights to salvage the Titanic discovered a new field of artifacts from one of the ship's first-class restaurants, including a fully intact champagne bottle.

Salvagers from RMS Titanic Inc. returned with 75 artifacts from the wreck site 2 miles under the North Atlantic off Nova Scotia. The debris field was discovered south of the ship's stern and yielded items including the champagne bottle, a crystal decanter and a wall sconce from the Titanic's A La Carte Restaurant.

The items will be cleaned and incorporated into the salvage company's traveling exhibitions, which are now in Salt Lake City, Philadelphia and Manchester, England.

## Milk fight abandoned

**VT** MONTPELIER — Eastern and Midwest lawmakers have temporarily abandoned their fight — until Congress' upcoming postelection session — to extend the milk subsidy program for two years.

Vermont's congressional delegation said it had support for an amendment to extend the program, but House Republican leaders prevented a final vote.

The Milk Income Compensation Loss Program is scheduled to expire a year from now. It has provided about \$45 million to Vermont dairy farmers in the last two years.

## Love at the Alamo

**TX** SAN ANTONIO — Tourists at the Alamo saw something besides historical exhibits at the shrine of Texas independence.

A couple who witnesses say were having sex at the downtown mission landed in jail, according to police.

An Alamo security officer caught the two having sexual intercourse near a public viewing area about 5:30 p.m., a police report stated.

The report said Kristine Nissel, 18, and Matthew Hotard, 19, were partially clad when the officer apprehended them after several tourists watched the couple and became upset.

The pair, both active-duty members of the 232nd Medical Battalion stationed at Fort Sam Houston, were charged with public lewdness, according to the San Antonio Express-News. Bond was set for each at \$800.

## Bias claims go to trial

**PA** ERIE — A judge has ordered a trial on a federal lawsuit claiming that a physical agility test the city of Erie used for police applicants unfairly discriminated against female candidates.

The Justice Department asked U.S. District Judge Sean McLaughlin to award damages to women who failed the test and order them placed on a preferential hiring list.

The judge refused to grant a summary judgment against the city, saying its defense should be heard at trial.

The Justice Department sued in January, claiming that only 13



percent of female candidates have passed since the test was put into place in 1996, while 71 percent of males tested during the same period succeeded.

Applicants had to scale 6-foot and 4-foot walls, climb through a standard window 36 inches off the ground, crawl eight feet under a 2-foot-high platform, and then do 17 push-ups and nine sit-ups.

The city said it now uses a physical test that has different standards depending on an applicant's age and gender, which the Justice Department accepts.

## Museum will rebuild

**MI** VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP — Three historic airplanes that survived World War II were pulled to safety as a hangar housing an aircraft museum burned to the ground.

No one was injured in the fire at the Yankee Air Museum in Wayne County's Van Buren Township, 25 miles west of Detroit.

But the fire destroyed the museum's wooden hangar at Willow Run Airport, built by Henry Ford to produce World War II bombers on assembly lines like those used at his automotive plants. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

The 30,000-square-foot hangar and its contents — including two airplanes undergoing restoration, photos, books, uniforms, equipment and memorabilia — were destroyed, museum president Jon Stevens told The Ann Arbor



## Rain, rain go away

A pedestrian crosses South Boston Avenue as the BOK Tower looms in the background on a rainy day in Tulsa, Okla.

News. He estimated the loss at \$5 million.

"In some ways we'll start over, but starting over with a lot more than the original founders," Stevens said. "I have too much sweat equity in that place, as do a lot of other good people. We'll figure a way to rebuild it."

## Shark attack

**CA** POINT REYES STATION — A surfer was bitten by a shark off the Northern California coast, prompting park officials to close beaches near the site of the attack, authorities said.

The shark bit the leg of the unidentified surfer just off Limantour Beach, about 50 miles north of San Francisco, according to park officials at Point Reyes National Seashore.

The man told authorities the shark, which was between six and eight feet long, released his leg after he hit it on the head. The surfer then paddled to shore on his own, park officials said.

Park officials closed the waters off Limantour Beach on Sunday for five days. The beaches will be reopened if no more shark sightings are reported.

## Shark attack, take two

**HI** WAILUKU — A 34-year-old Oahu man was in stable condition the day after being bitten by a shark in the face and shoulder while spearfishing off Molokai, authorities and witnesses said.

Davy Sanada had been diving with friends earlier but was spearfishing alone in waters about 400 yards off east Molokai when he was attacked by a shark, authorities said.

A witness said she and other bystanders assisted Sanada after hearing him call for help.

"He was waving for help," said Carol Beadle, who lives near the Kupeke Fishpond where Sanada was diving. "I could tell his face was ripped and his shoulder was dislocated."

It's unknown what type of shark attacked Sanada.

## Furnace cited in deaths

**NY** SYRACUSE — A malfunctioning furnace was blamed for the deaths of an older couple who died when the temperature inside their apartment reached 111 degrees, police said.

Onondaga County Medical Examiner Dr. Mary Jumbelic said autopsies on Jean, 67, and Robert Denmark, 66, determined the couple died of environmental hyperthermia.

Jumbelic said the couple also suffered from hardening of the arteries, and the husband had diabetes and high blood pressure.

Syracuse Police Lt. Joseph Cecile said foul play was not suspected, and no charges are being filed. "We felt from the beginning there was nothing suspicious with these deaths," he said.

Niagara Mohawk tested the apartment and found no carbon monoxide. The utility also previously inspected the furnace at the house "and red-tagged it for possibly having a sticky valve."

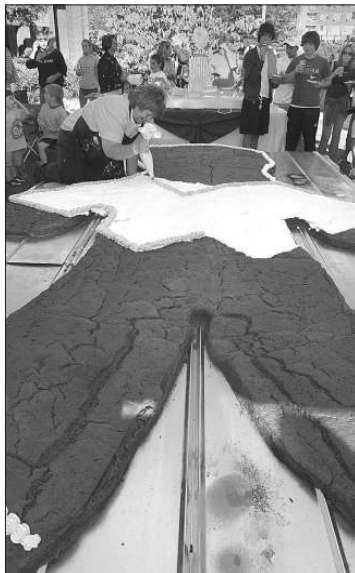
Edward Davis, who owns the house, said he tempered the apartment had risen that high because someone had turned the thermostat up.



## Taking a stand against violence

Members of Alpha Chi

Omega sorority and the local community stand vigil in memory of victims of domestic violence on the courthouse lawn in Nacogdoches, Texas. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.



## I'd hate to see the glass of milk

Karen Jones frosts what

likely will be a Guinness World Record-setting gingerbread man at East Carolina University. Pending Guinness certification, the nearly 900-pound cookie will eclipse the previous world record-holder by about 400 pounds.





## Cultural exchange

Jasmine Pickner, 19, of Rapid City, performs a hoop dance during the Native American Day program at Crazy Horse Memorial, near Custer, S.D.



## Settling in

Two scimitar-horned oryx explore their new habitat at the Smithsonian's National Zoo in Washington, D.C. Oryx are native to the northern African savanna and are nearly extinct in the wild.



## Lone rider

A biker takes advantage of the nice weather to go for a ride along U.S. Highway 6 in Eagle, Colo.



## Taking a breather

A bald eagle perches on a dead tree on an island in the Missouri River near Great Falls, Mont.

## Expensive maintenance

**KY** FRANKFORT — The annual operating cost of the Governor's Mansion is raising eyebrows following an investigation that found taxpayers paid the bill for 13 employees and more than \$2,000 for a new mattress.

An analysis of state records by The Louisville Courier-Journal estimated the mansion cost at least \$840,000 to operate between June 1, 2003, and May 30, 2004. The tab prompted some lawmakers to say expenses should get a closer look.

The costs included salaries for three chefs and seven housekeepers, \$16,723 to paint part of the second floor living quarters, \$2,198 for a new Tempur-Pedic mattress and five new toilets costing \$2,611.

Gov. Ernie Fletcher said he would never make an inappropriate spending request, and he defended the mansion's expenses. He said state finance officials have never challenged a request.

Fletcher and the mansion executive director said they said they have trimmed food costs and increased rental fees for its public spaces.

## Campaign contribution

**UT** BOUNTIFUL — U.S. Rep. Rob Bishop got an unexpected campaign contribution.

The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee accidentally mailed the freshman Republican lawmaker a computer program to create campaign ads for his first Congressional District race.

"This is a cool little campaign toy that could be helpful to our campaign," he said.

While Bishop said he was grateful to the Democratic Party for their kind consideration of his campaign needs, the Republican decided to send it back.

Bishop figured — and the Democrats agreed — the program was intended for the other freshman congressman with the same last name, New York Democrat Tim Bishop.

The irony is not lost on Rob Bishop's Democratic opponent, Steve Thompson, who says he didn't get a copy of the program from his own party.

"I'd like to get one, though, so please let them to send me one," Thompson said.

## Long-delayed arrest

**FL** MIAMI BEACH — Lynn Smith, 51, was arrested in Maine after 26 years on the run from Miami Beach police for skipping her murder trial. Smith was arrested at her home in Standish by federal, state and county agents. She disappeared in 1976 after being charged with murder the previous year. Smith was a 23-year-old exotic dancer when she was accused of fatally stabbing a 41-year-old man at a South Beach bar.

## Tiger dental care

**CA** SAN DIEGO — A tiger named Awang Relak could help keep his species from becoming extinct, zoo officials say, but first he needs to do something about his teeth.

The 240-pound Indochinese tiger was anesthetized and strapped to a medical table at the

San Diego Zoo so a dentist could clean out pockets of infection and pry smaller teeth away from larger ones.

While that was going on a veterinarian was examining the 3-year-old's private parts, making sure his sperm count is good enough that he'll be able to mate with female tigers when he's older.

In about another year he could be ready for a date with Mek Degong, a female tiger that, like Awang Relak, was brought to San Diego from Malaysia's Melaka Zoo.

Tiger species around the world are in danger from poachers and decreasing habitat.

## Six die in arson fire

**PA** PHILADELPHIA — Bullets and casings and a fire accelerant were found in the rubble of a home where six people — all relatives of a person involved in a drug investigation — died in a blaze, authorities said.

Neighbors said they heard gunshots, an explosion and screams shortly before the fire erupted before dawn at the north Philadelphia home. Police would not comment on those reports or say whether any of the victims was shot. The Medical Examiner's Office has not ruled on the causes of death.

A relative of the victims is part of an investigation by the FBI's Gang Squad, FBI spokeswoman Jerri Williams said. The gutted home was being treated as a murder and arson scene.

"We are attempting to determine if there is a link between the fact that these people were murdered and the fact that their relative is involved in our investigation," she said.

Williams declined to comment further.

## Swearing teen faces jail

**NC** WILMINGTON — A teenager could get up to 30 days in jail for swearing at a teacher who scolded him for repeated tardiness. Glenn Gattis, 17, and his parents said the misdemeanor charge of disorderly conduct is an overreaction. Ashley High School officials decided to comment. Gattis, who was also suspended for three days, has a court hearing scheduled for Oct. 20.

## Signs of popularity

**OR** EUGENE — The signs marking High Street have become a hot commodity and coveted dorm room decoration in these parts.

But what might seem like a sophomore prank is turning into a costly problem for the city, home to the University of Oregon. In the last decade, officials say they've had to replace the sign nearly 350 times.

Besides High Street, the University Street and Westward Ho Avenue signs are also frequently stolen.

The missing street markers are part of a backlog of about 100 signs that city crews will replace in coming months, said Damon Joyner, traffic technical team supervisor for the city.

Officials said last year alone, Eugene spent more than \$50,000 on replacement signs.

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Renée Zellweger, right, voices Ariel, receptionist at the Whale Wash, and Will Smith takes the role of Oscar, her secret crush, in DreamWorks Animations' "Shark Tale." Other big-name stars taking the bait to voice roles in the animated film include Robert De Niro and Jack Black.

# Drawing stars

## Animated 'Shark Tale' has no trouble reeling in celebrity voices

BY ANTHONY BREZNICAN

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

**Q**uick! Can you name who did the voice of Snow White? Or Cinderella? How about the Little Mermaid?

It's OK if the names Adriana Caselotti, Ilene Woods and Jodi Benson don't immediately spring to mind — they were never promoted or paid as stars when their most famous screen characters debuted. But now try naming the actors who voiced Shrek, the Genie from "Aladdin" or Woody the cowboy from "Toy Story," and it's easy to think of Mike Myers, Robin Williams and Tom Hanks.

Performing animation was not considered prestige work decades ago, but those three performances have changed things over the past 10 years.

Now, practically every cartoon features famous voices. The new undersea gangster comedy "Shark Tale" has a slew of them.

The computer-animated story of a scared little fish (Will Smith) who becomes famous as a "shark slayer" by surviving a shark attack when an anchor lands on his predator features the voices of no less than 12 famed actors. Jack Black is his vegetarian shark buddy, Robert De Niro the menacing undersea gangster mourning his son and Martin Scorsese a puffery-eyebrowed pufferfish. Renée Zellweger plays a love-stricken angel fish, "The Sopranos" Emmy winner Michael Imperioli Black's vicious brother, Peter Falk an aging gangster shark and Angelina Jolie a femme fatale.

Adding to the mix "The Sopranos" actor Vincent Pastore as an octopus, Ziggy Marley and Doug E. Doug as Rastafarian jellyfish, and "Today" show host Katie Couric as the fish reporter Katie Current.

Decades ago, Walt Disney barred Caselotti — who was 18 when she earned about \$970 for her work — from making any public appearances. He didn't want viewers to put a face to Snow White's voice. Caselotti, who died in 1997 at 80, often said she deserved more, but never sued for it.

What changed over the years? For one, Peggy Lee, one of the rare celebrity voices to do a cartoon years ago, successfully sued Disney for more money after the videocassette success of 1955's "Lady and the Tramp," opening the door for better pay.

Studios now find that a star is one more attraction for audiences. And actors find it's easy work — which pays enormously.

Over two years, Black said he went in about a dozen times to record the voice of Lenny, his nebbishy, bashful shark.

"I did it all by myself, except I did a little bit with Will Smith at the

end. That felt like kind of a symbolic meeting of the thinges, just in case some magic happened between us. For the most part, it's an isolated experience and I like it that way. There are a lot of advantages to doing it by yourself," he said.

What are the advantages? "You don't have to worry about the other actor getting impatient," Black said. "If you want to do 50 takes, no problem. Then I trust the editors to cut together awesome conversations ... so it really sounds like we're talking to each other."

It's unclear how much Black and his co-stars got paid, but DreamWorks Animation, which produced "Shark Tale," has been generous with stars in the past. Myers, Cameron Diaz and Eddie Murphy each reportedly received \$10 million upfront for "Shrek 2," not counting their percentage of the profits from the year's biggest movie.

Animation is also something the actors can squeeze in between their other jobs. While working on "Shark Tale," Smith made "I, Robot," Zellweger took on "Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason" and Black was working on "School of Rock."

Meanwhile, a cartoon voice can give them a place in movie history as their cartoon passes through generations of kids — and they don't even have to shave.

"For the talent, the voice-over work is a minimal commitment," said Eric Wight, an artist who has worked on cartoons for "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" and "Charlie's Angels." "They can record an hour's worth in a couple hours. I always love being in these voice-recording sessions and they show up and they're practically in their pajamas and unwashed — very easy work for them."

Although Black said he tried to perform a character — changing his real voice to make it sound more nasally and whimsy — often the studio doesn't even want that. They are hiring celebrities to be recognizable, after all.

"The first thing they established was that they didn't want me to do anything with my voice other than be myself," said former "Monty Python" star John Cleese, who voiced the ogre's king-in-law in "Shrek 2." "They didn't want me to try any kind of accent or different voice production. Once that was established, and they told me that in the first two minutes, it made my life a lot easier. I wasn't about to argue."

Black said the iconic status of being a cartoon had appeal, which is why he agreed to do "Shark Tale" before a script was even finished.

"I've wanted to do it ever since I saw Robin Williams in 'Aladdin,'" Black said. "I thought he was so awesome in that. I think it might have been his best performance because it was cool to see him go all the way insane with this crazy cartoon character taking care of the body. I wanted to do something like that."

## Oscar producer goes for 12

Gil Cates has signed on to produce next year's Academy Awards broadcast in Los Angeles, his 12th time overseeing Hollywood's biggest bash.

"I already have ideas whirling around in my head and can't wait to see them through to fruition on Oscar night," Cates said Monday.

Cates has produced the Oscars a record 11 times since 1990, most recently running the show in spring 2003. He won an Emmy Award for producing the 1991 telecast.

Cates' film credits include producing and directing 1970's "I Never Sang for My Father." For television, his credits include movies such as "A Death in the Family" and "Call Me Anna," based on Patty Duke's autobiography.

The 77th Oscars show will air live from the Kodak Theatre in Hollywood on Feb. 27.

## Rooming with Ripa

She might owe him her household name status, but according to a recent survey, more New York college students would rather room with Kelly Ripa than Regis Philbin, her "Live With Regis and Kelly" co-host.

An Educational Services survey reports that 32 percent of students polled would like to share an abode with Regis and Kelly, who also stars in ABC's "Hope & Faith," while only 1 percent chose Philbin.

Conan O'Brien, Jon Stewart, David Letterman and Tony Danza followed Ripa in the survey, released by EHS, a provider of private, off-campus student housing in New York. The survey was conducted during two weeks in September.



John Travolta, left, and Kirstie Alley

Travolta to appear on "Fat"

Look who's joining Kirstie Alley.

The former "Cheers" actress will be accompanied by John Travolta, who was featured with Alley in the "Look Who's Talking" films, in her upcoming Showtime series, "Fat Actress."

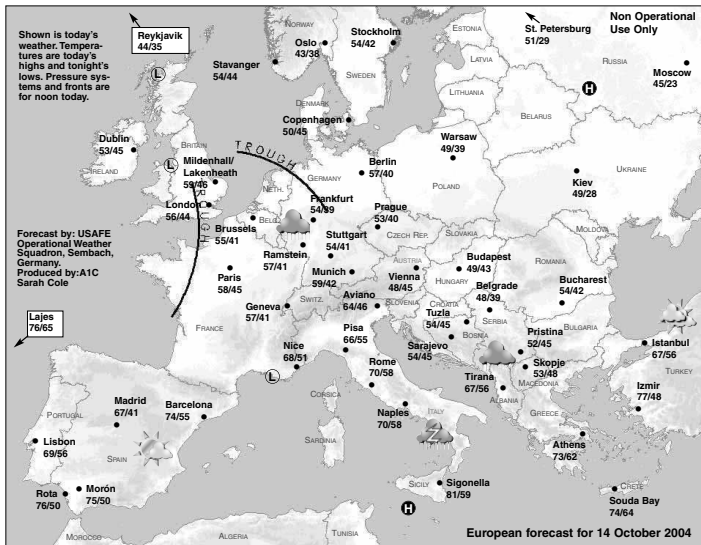
The seven-episode, unscheduled comedy series won't debut until March.

In the series, Alley plays a fictionalized version of herself, a TV and movie actress whose growing weight problem has been well documented in supermarket tabloids. Each "Curb Your Enthusiasm"-like episode emanates from a story outline with the actors largely improvising the dialogue.

NBC Universal TV Group President Jeff Zucker, Mark Curry ("Hangin' with Mr. Cooper") and Travolta's actress-wife, Kelly Preston, also will guest star on the first episode, Showtime announced last week.

Stories and photos from wire services





## EUROPEAN FORECAST

**Benelux:** Mostly cloudy to cloudy with rain showers. Highs in the mid 50s, Friday lows in the lower 40s.

**Britain, Ireland:** Mostly cloudy to cloudy with rain showers. Highs in the lower to upper 50s, Friday lows in the mid to upper 40s.

**Croatia and Bosnia:** Mostly cloudy to cloudy with rain showers and isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 50s, Friday lows in the mid 40s.

**France:** Cloudy with rain showers. Highs in the upper 50s to upper 60s, Friday lows in the mid 40s to lower 50s.

**Northern Germany:** Mostly cloudy to cloudy with isolated rain showers. Highs in the mid to upper 50s, Friday lows in the upper 30s to lower 40s.

**Southern Germany:** Mostly cloudy to cloudy with rain showers. Highs in the mid to upper 50s, Friday lows in the upper 30s to lower 40s.

**Hungary:** Cloudy with rain showers. Highs in the upper 40s, Friday lows in the lower 40s.

**Northern Italy:** Partly to mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s, Friday lows in the mid 40s to mid 50s.

**Southern Italy:** Cloudy with rain showers and isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 70s, Friday lows in the upper 50s.

**Kosovo:** Cloudy with rain showers. Highs in the lower 50s, Friday lows in the mid to upper 40s.

**Norway:** Cloudy with rain showers. Highs in the lower 40s to mid 50s, Friday lows in the upper 30s to mid 40s.

**Portugal, Spain:** Partly cloudy to mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s to 70s, Friday lows in the lower 40s to mid 50s.

**Turkey:** Partly to mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s to upper 80s, Friday lows in the upper 40s to mid 60s.

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Sunrise (Frankfurt)	0547	0548
Sunset (Baghdad)	1431	1430
Sunset (Frankfurt)	1637	1634

	Today	Tomorrow
Full moon	Oct 18	Nov 1
New moon	Oct 25	Nov 9

## AFRICA

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Dakar	86/55	Nairobi	82/58
Freetown	88/75	Rabat	73/54
Harare	84/71	Tripoli	88/64

## THE WORLD

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Bahran	97/78	Mexico City	90/54
Beijing	70/45	Montreal	62/38
Buenos Aires	81/70	Norfolk	69/68
Bermuda	80/73	Rio de Jan	63/40
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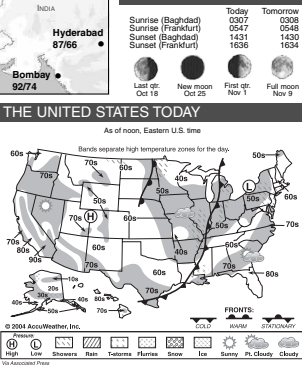
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The Scorpio moon ushers in a serious mood but not necessarily a gloom one. Going deeper into the cause of a problem will be featured this afternoon. This is done best by observing the people connected to the issue. We are keenly attuned to human behavior, and if we ask ourselves the right questions, the answers are apparent.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (October 14).** You come to a realization about yourself this year that changes your life forever. Perhaps it will motivate you to seek out a support group, change careers or find a new mate. You'll join a club or organization of like-minded individuals at the start of the new year and meet someone there — a teacher, love or friend — who expands your mind.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Your warm temperament and willingness to tell it like it is may have attracted the affections of one who's a bit slower on the uptake. You're not known for your patience, but in this case, it would behoove you to make an extra effort.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Regarding emotional and financial security, help is coming. You meet a well-informed expert in the field that is relevant to you — be it health care, insurance or banking. You'll know this person by his/her air of authority and warmth.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Everything seems to be lagging to pieces all around you, but for once, you are the calm at the center of the storm. Survey the chaos with an eye for remembering details — a key may be called upon to give a deposition.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** The workweek has thrown you out of balance, and you desperately need to re-center yourself so you can make the most of the next few days. How do you know you're out of alignment? There's too much chatter in your head.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Just because it's raining doesn't mean the sky is falling. Try to maintain your perspective and your positive

attitude. The most important thing is your health and safety. Focus on that first, and everything else will follow suit.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Unfinished business nags at the back of your mind. Perhaps it's an old flame or a project you just can't seem to finish. You're the only one still obsessing about it. Everyone else has moved on, so don't let it ruin your day.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Family squabbles can drag you down. You have to deal with the same old dynamic. What would happen if, for once, you refused to play the expected role of go-between? Let folks talk to each other instead of relaying messages.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Regarding a special deal, stick mainly to your terms, but do remain flexible on the points that don't mean as much to you. A certain amount of give and take in the form of revisions will be required to finalize things.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** You've settled into a new situation that arose in your life over the last season. Maybe it's a new job, a new love or a travel opportunity. Check in with your higher self again now that you're over the hump.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** You're a good provider. Is it any wonder that family members are hitting you up for money? If you can comfortably afford it, you would do well to spread the wealth around a bit. Your family — and the economy — will benefit.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** You're doing all the right things — getting involved in projects you care about and focusing on bettering yourself and the world. Just try to be patient. An older female friend, perhaps a neighbor, could really use your assistance.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Your love life is really cooking. It's only going to get hotter in the coming weeks, too. Right now, focus on finances. You and your fellow water signs, Cancer and Scorpio, are in a prime position to receive a big wind-fall soon.

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## Peanuts



## Calvin and Hobbes



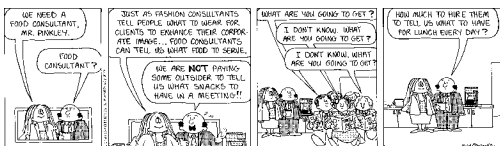
## Jump Start



## Zits



## Cathy



## Hi and Lois



## Beetle Bailey



## Red Rover



## Better or Worse



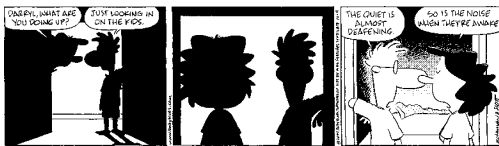
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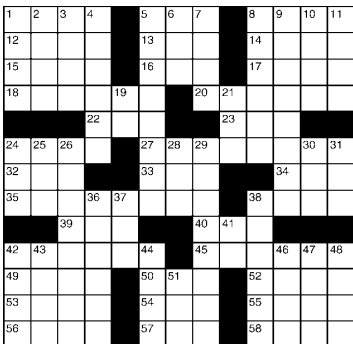
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## Eugene Sheffer Crossword



## Across

- 1 Crony
- 5 Scepter topper
- 8 Double agent
- 12 Patina
- 13 Luau bowlful
- 14 Duel tool
- 15 Blueprint
- 16 Mad Hatter's quaff
- 17 Hand out hands
- 18 Deli buy
- 20 Rejects disdainfully
- 22 P.E. venue
- 23 Simile center
- 24 Wind-section member
- 27 Quarantined
- 32 Big shot
- 33 Speed along
- 34 401(k) alternative
- 35 Point of tangency
- 38 Swindle
- 39 Tennis stroke
- 40 Charged bit
- 42 Vacillate
- 43 Baltimore bird
- 49 Bald eagles' localities
- 50 B&B
- 52 Incite
- 53 Grown-up nits
- 54 49 Across' venue
- 55 Teller's partner
- 56 Retainers
- 57 RNC figure
- 58 Guru's practice

## Down

- 1 Uppercase
- 2 Island entertainment
- 3 Caspian Sea feeder
- 4 Handle
- 5 Make as good as possible
- 6 Lobster coral
- 7 Prejudice
- 8 She's had some bad hair days
- 9 Dramatically grand
- 10 Slender
- 11 Lamprays
- 19 "Goodness gracious!"
- 21 See 1-Across
- 24 Eventual ayes
- 25 Clothing
- 26 Wealth
- 28 Sermon subject
- 29 Not necessary
- 30 Geological period
- 31 Spill checker?
- 36 Plays quilts
- 37 Briz dog
- 38 Short-tempered
- 41 On the other hand
- 42 Ego
- 43 Toledo's lake
- 44 Thin strand
- 46 Hydrox rival
- 47 Protracted
- 48 Barry Humphries' Dame
- 51 Ultramodernist

## Answer to Previous Puzzle



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## CRYPTOQUIP

VDXW Z QKAQRNX RN  
NEXXORWS, VKFET HKF NZH  
QDZQ HKF VRQWXXNXT

Z WZORWS QFAQEX?  
Yesterday's Cryptquip: BEING THAT I RELISH GOSSIPING ABOUT OPEN-TOED SHOES, I GUESS I'M A SANDALMONGER.

Today's Cryptquip Clue: Q equals T

# Scams target those in mourning

**Dear Abby:** I agree with your advice 95 percent of the time. However, I disagree with your comments to "Heartstick in N.Y.," the widow who said a young woman had shown up on her doorstep claiming to be her deceased husband's illegitimate daughter.

That young woman didn't ask to be born from an affair.

Although I'm sure the widow is heartless, there is no way to easily break that kind of news to anyone. If "Heartstick" is unsure about paternity, a simple DNA test can be used to prove the truth.

—Cheryl in San Antonio

**Dear Cheryl:** That's true. And that is why I advise "Heartstick" to contact her lawyer right away. However, my gut told me that something might be amiss. And here's why. Read on:

**Dear Abby:** "Heartstick's" letter had "con artist" written all

over it. Please inform her that there are people who check the obituaries every day for the names of people who die. They get all the personal information and show up when the survivors are not thinking clearly.

Pictures can be doctored, and the information about the husband being in the sports field, I'm sure, was public knowledge. It's a simple matter, with today's technology, to scan pictures and digitally alter them.

If the husband was clever enough to have kept his affair and the child hidden for 20 years, and he wanted to help the girl with college tuition, don't you think he'd have devised a way to provide for her financial security? And if that girl was really his daughter, don't you think she'd have been more sensitive than to have approached his widow at a time like that?

—Ben Conned in Mississippi  
**Dear Conned:** I agree with you. There are better ways to

approach someone than to tell the person the last 20 years of her marriage was a lie. Read on:

**Dear Abby:** My 37-year-old husband was killed by a drunk driver. His picture appeared in the newspaper. My husband was a very handsome man who had been successful in sales.

When I returned from his funeral, I found, mixed in with the condolence notes, a letter from a woman claiming that my husband was the father of her child. She said she was willing to leave town and not embarrass us, but needed money to do so. I did not contact a lawyer—I called the police. They contacted the FBI and the woman was caught.

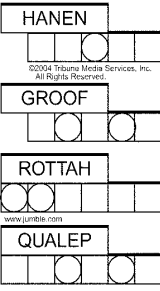
It was a scam that she had used successfully before.

—Sympathetic in Hawaii  
**Dear Sympathetic:** You're a quick thinker.

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## JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



Answer here: " " " "

Yesterday's Jumbles: LISLE NEEDY VOYAGE FEMALE  
Answer: The carpenters worked well together because they were — ON THE SAME "LEVEL."

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

# Pamper friend going through divorce

**Dear Annie:** My good friend, "Ellen," is going through a difficult time. Her husband of 20 years is having a midlife crisis, and after two months of making Ellen miserable, he finally confessed that he wants a divorce and is looking forward to a new life with his new girlfriend. The jerk even had the nerve to say he doesn't find Ellen physically attractive. Ellen is in her 40s, but looks younger. She's always watched her weight, takes pride in her appearance and has a fantastic personality.

Ellen is devastated. She's having problems eating and sleeping, and her self-esteem is in the toilet. Her therapist is working with her and the kids, but a bunch of us would love to treat her to a complete makeover to give her a new look for her new life. However, with all the damage her husband has caused, I'm afraid it would hurt her feelings to suggest she needs to rethink her hair, makeup and clothing.

Should we do this, or leave well

enough alone?

—Baffled Friend  
**Dear Friend:** We think this is a great way to lift Ellen's spirits.

But don't approach it as if her appearance needs work. Instead, tell her she deserves to be pampered and you want to cheer her up by treating her to a "spa" day. It would be even better if all of you could

afford to accompany her and have a "girls' day" together. Skip the new clothing and instead consider a pedicure or a massage. Then she will believe it's a gift to help her relax and not a form of criticism.

**Dear Annie:** Don't parents teach their kids manners these days? There was a child about 7 years old in my store last week. He kept shouting over and over, "I want a toy!" His mother couldn't concentrate on the transaction taking place. To top it off, after being so rude, he was al-

lowed to get the toy he wanted.

I have a 9-year-old daughter, and I teach her basic manners, such as knocking on a closed door before entering, not touching things that do not belong to her, etc.

I will admit that my daughter is smart for her age, but if parents would put their foot down and teach their children some basic courtesies, our world would be a much nicer place.

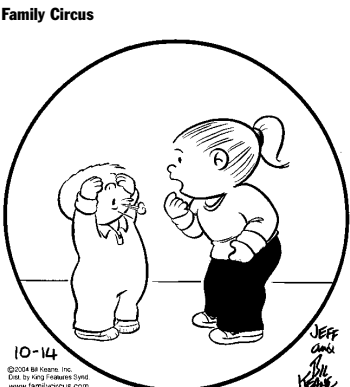
—Frustrated in Kentucky  
**Dear Kentucky:** Ah yes, purchasing the toy after the child threw a tantrum was definitely the wrong message to send, and too many parents give in to their child's demands even when they know they shouldn't.

It's the easy way out. There are plenty of parents who teach their children manners and consideration for others. They should be commended. The rest should take lessons.

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## Annie's Mailbox



"No, P.J. Cover your MOUTH when you cough."

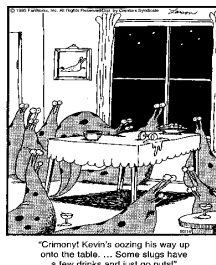


Dennis the Menace



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The Far Side



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## SCOREBOARD

## AFN TV &amp; Radio

## Thursday

**AFN-Sports, 2 a.m.**—Baseball: NLCS, Game 1, Houston at St. Louis.  
**AFN-Sports, 7 a.m.**—Outdoors: Walt-Mar FLW Tour 11.

**AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.**—Baseball: ALCS, Game 2, Boston at NY Yankees (d).  
**AFN-Sports, 1:30 p.m.**—Baseball: preseason: Sacramento vs. Houston at Shanghai.  
**AFN-Sports, 7 p.m.**—NFL: NFL Films Game of the Week (d).

**AFN-Sports, 7 p.m.**—Soccer: Panama at United World Cup qualifier (live).  
**AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.**—College football: West Virginia at Connecticut (d).

## Friday

**AFN-Atlantic, 1:30 a.m.**—College football: Louisville at Miami.  
**AFN-Atlantic, 2 a.m.**—Baseball: NLCS, Game 2, Boston at St. Louis.  
**AFN-Atlantic, 7 a.m.**—Baseball: NLCS, Game 2, Houston at St. Louis.  
**AFN-Atlantic, 9 a.m.**—NFL: preseason: Sacramento vs. Houston at Shanghai (d).  
**AFN-Atlantic, 7 p.m.**—College football: Louisville at Miami (d).

**AFN-Atlantic, 9 and 3:30 p.m.**—Outdoors: Walt-Mar FLW Tour 11 (d).

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## Pro football

## AMERICAN CONFERENCE

	E	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	4	0	0	0	1.000	98	60
NY Jets	3	0	0	0	1.000	98	60
Buffalo	3	0	0	0	1.000	98	60
Miami	3	0	0	0	1.000	42	167
Indianapolis	4	1	0	0	85.71	106	86
Colts	3	0	0	0	1.000	117	87
Houston	2	0	0	0	1.000	118	118
Tennessee	3	0	0	0	1.000	111	118
Pittsburgh	3	0	0	0	1.000	112	94
Baltimore	3	0	0	0	1.000	97	79
Cincinnati	3	0	0	0	1.000	97	79
West	3	0	0	0	1.000	95	66
Denver	4	1	0	0	80.0	99	79
San Diego	2	0	0	0	1.000	104	115
Oakland	3	0	0	0	1.000	95	79
Kansas City	3	0	0	0	1.000	95	79

## NATIONAL CONFERENCE

	E	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	4	0	0	0	1.000	99	79
NY Giants	4	0	0	0	1.000	104	79
Dallas	4	0	0	0	1.000	97	79
Washington	4	0	0	0	1.000	71	85
Atlanta	4	0	0	0	1.000	98	69
New Orleans	4	0	0	0	1.000	98	69
Carolina	4	0	0	0	1.000	98	69
San Francisco	4	0	0	0	1.000	98	69
Detroit	4	0	0	0	1.000	75	78
Minnesota	4	0	0	0	1.000	75	78
Chicago	4	0	0	0	1.000	100	94
Green Bay	4	0	0	0	1.000	113	113
St. Louis	3	0	0	0	1.000	113	113
Indianapolis	3	0	0	0	1.000	113	113
San Francisco	4	0	0	0	1.000	113	113

## Sunday, 10/17

**Sunday's games**

Detroit 17, Atlanta 10  
N.Y. Giants 26, Dallas 10  
Indianapolis 35, Houston 14  
Minnesota 34, St. Louis 28, OT  
New England 24, Miami 10  
Pittsburgh 34, Cleveland 23  
Tampa Bay 20, New Orleans 17  
N.Y. Jets 16, Buffalo 10  
San Diego 34, Jacksonville 21  
St. Louis 33, Seattle 27, OT  
San Francisco 31, Arizona 28, OT  
Denver 20, Carolina 17  
Baltimore 27, Washington 10  
Open: Cincinnati, Kansas City, Philadelphia, Chicago

**Monday's game**

Tennessee 48, Green Bay 27  
**Sunday, Oct. 7**

Green Bay at



# Book by former Lakers coach details conflicts with Bryant

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Phil Jackson called his relationship with Kobe Bryant at times a "psychological war" and sought to trade his star guard in January, according to a diary of the former Lakers coach.

The diary of the 2003-04 season, titled "The Last Season: A Team in Search of Its Soul," will be released this month. An excerpt of the book will be published in next week's issue of *Los Angeles magazine*.

"I do know that there were many occasions this year when I felt like there was a psychological war going on between us," Jackson wrote. "Amazingly, we came to a truce, even to a higher level of trust. Ultimately, though, I don't believe we developed enough trust between us to win a championship."

Jackson said the strain between him and Bryant led him to hire a therapist to consult with during the season, according to the *Los Angeles Times*, which carried excerpts from the magazine article in its Tuesday edition.

"It's no sweat for me, man," Bryant said. "He's a great coach. I really learned a lot from him and I respect him from that standpoint. But this is a real challenge for me here, so I'm not going to be labor that somebody might say from past events."

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Jackson wrote he became so frustrated with Bryant that he told general manager Mitch Kupchak in January, "I won't coach this team next year if he is still here. He won't listen to anyone. I've had it with this kid."

Bryant was aware of Jackson's ultimatum.

"I heard something like that, but I wasn't going to let that come between me and the team," Bryant said.

It was not the first time Jackson requested the team trade Bryant. He sought to trade him to the Phoenix Suns for Jason Kidd and Shawn Marion in the 1999-00 season. But then-general manager Jerry West told Jackson that owner Jerry Buss would never trade the Laker star, he wrote in his diary. Jackson said he was told the same thing last season.

The Lakers released a statement on behalf of Buss and Kupchak, saying Jackson's book contained "several inaccuracies" but declined to elaborate.

## Jazz guard Lopez out indefinitely with knee injury

SALT LAKE CITY — Utah Jazz point guard Larry Lopez, who

missed the 2002-03 season after having a second surgery on his right knee, will be out indefinitely after bumping his leg over the weekend.

He will continue to lift weights and train in the pool, but not practice or play.

Lopez bumped his knee during a scrimmage Saturday night and a stress test showed the knee was weak, Jazz spokesman Kim Turner said Tuesday.

Lopez, 23, played in all 82 games last season, averaging 7.0 points and 3.7 assists, mostly backing up Carlos Arroyo.

## Woods suspended without pay pending dogfight investigation

TUALATIN, Ore. — The Portland Trail Blazers suspended reserve forward Greg Woods without pay Tuesday pending a team investigation surrounding alleged dogfighting.

Woods' Lake Oswego home was searched Monday by Clackamas County Sheriff's deputies, acting on a warrant obtained after allegations that Woods abandoned his pit bull — reportedly because it would not fight for him.

No criminal charges have been filed.

"We are deeply disturbed by the developments in this case and we believe that suspending Greg is warranted and necessary," team president Steve Patterson said in a written statement.

# NHL fines Thrashers owner Belkin \$250K for comments about lockout

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The NHL fined one of the owners of the Atlanta Thrashers \$250,000 on Tuesday for saying the league would use replacement players next year if a new collective bargaining agreement isn't reached. The Associated Press has learned.

Steve Belkin, a member of Atlanta Sports, LLC — the group that bought the Thrashers earlier this year. But he gave out a long list of comments he made over the weekend to the Boston Herald, said an official within the league speaking on the condition of anonymity.

"I deeply regret the comments I made to the Boston Herald, which were my personal, uninformed views, and not those of the Atlanta Thrashers' ownership and management — nor those of the National Hockey League," Belkin said in a statement.

Belkin, a Weston, Mass., businessman, said the NHL had a solution for next fall if a new collective bargaining agreement wasn't reached.

"We are going to try everything we can to resolve this," Belkin told in his newspaper in its Sunday edition. "If we reach an impasse and it goes on for a year, we will attempt to bring in other players. That's not good for anyone. That's a last resort."

"But if that's the only alternative, say, a year from now, we'll

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probably proceed with doing that, and then hopefully start building a new team of the players over a period of time."

The league's collective bargaining agreement with the players' association expired last month, and commissioner Gary Bettman immediately imposed a lockout that threatens the season that was supposed to begin Wednesday night. The sides haven't spoken or held negotiations since Sept. 9, one week before the old deal ran out, and no new talks are scheduled.

## Beckham apologizes for intentional yellow card

LONDON — David Beckham apologized Wednesday for deliberately getting a yellow card to draw a suspension for a World Cup qualifying game. The apology came hours after FIFA President Sepp Blatter criticized him and urged English soccer authorities to take action.

Beckham knew he would miss Wednesday's game at Azerbaijan because he broke a rib during Saturday's 2-0 victory over Wales.

Carrying a yellow card from a previous game, he fouled Welsh defender Ben Thatcher, who could serve the automatic ban while injured.

England should easily beat Azerbaijan without its captain, and Beckham will start with a clean slate for the next World Cup qualifying games.

"I now know that was wrong and apologize to the Football Association, the England manager, my teammates and all England fans for this," Beckham said. "I have also apologized personally to my manager Sven-Goran Eriksson."

"I know that as captain you are in a privileged position and must always abide by FIFA's code of fair play, something which I have always done throughout my career. On this occasion I made a mistake. I hope that people will now focus on the match tonight and cheer the team on, as I will be doing."

## WBA bantamweight champ Bredahl retires

COPENHAGEN, Denmark — WBA bantamweight champion Johnny Bredahl of Denmark relinquished his title and is quitting boxing because of lingering injuries to his hands, his promoters said Wednesday.

Bredahl, who grabbed the WBA title in April 2002 after he stopped Venezuela's Eddy Moya, said he "with deep sorrow" decided that he had to relinquish "my beloved WBA title."

Bredahl, 36, who began boxing at age 19, turned pro in 1988, retired with a 55-2 record, including 26 knockouts.



Seattle Storm guard Betty Lennox (22) scored a team-high 23 points as the Storm gave Seattle its first major sports championship since the SuperSonics won the NBA championship in 1979.

# Game 3, WNBA title are taken by Storm

## Donovan becomes first female coach to guide team to league championship

By TIM BOOTH

The Associated Press

SEATTLE — Betty Lennox and the Seattle Storm gave the city its first major professional sports title in 25 years and made Anne Donovan the first female championship coach in WNBA history.

Lennox scored 23 points to lead the Storm to a 74-66 victory over the Connecticut Sun on Tuesday night in the decisive third game of the WNBA Finals.

Fans chanted, "Betty! Betty!" when Lennox stepped to the free-throw line with 2:35 remaining. She made both shots to cap a 33-12 run that made it 71-56.

"They changed the chant to 'M-V-P! M-V-P!' when she returned to the line with 1:40 to go, and the fans got what they wanted moments later when WNBA Commissioner Val Ackerman told the sellout crowd of 17,072 that Lennox had won the award."

"Coach Donovan knew what this team needed and she saw those criteria in me and she took a shot at it and gave me an opportunity," Lennox said.

The previous eight WNBA champions were coached by men. Houston's Van Chancellor (1997-00), Los Angeles' Michael Cooper (2001-02) and Detroit's Bill Laimbeer (2003).

"I think you have to get to that next level before you can get complete respect," Donovan said. "Some of the credibility issues that people are reluctant to give female coaches, this will help."

The Storm, who tied the series with a 67-65 home victory Sunday night after losing the opener in Connecticut, pulled away in the second half behind Lennox to

give Seattle its first major pro championship since the SuperSonics won the 1979 NBA title.

"I never played for a championship in front of my home crowd and that was huge for us," said Lennox. "Bird, who won four titles at the University of Connecticut. We had a huge advantage and we worked all year for that."

The league finals were not new territory for Donovan, who took Charlotte to the championship series in 2001.

Hired in Seattle before the 2003 season as coach and director of player personnel, she immediately won the favor of stars Lauren Jackson and Bird, using her experience as a player to develop strong relationships.

On the court, Donovan pressed Jackson to become more of an inside force and not rely so much on the outside shot, and allowed Bird to grow as a team leader.

In her first year under Donovan, Jackson was the league MVP.

"Anne Donovan is one of the best coaches in the world. I can't thank her enough for what she's done for me," Jackson said. "I'm so proud to play under her."

Perhaps Donovan's best personal move was the acquisition of Lennox from Cleveland in the 2003 dispersal draft.

In the league finals, Lennox averaged 22.3 points. Jackson added 13 points and seven rebounds. Connecticut's Nykesha Sales, who scored a WNBA Finals-record 32 points in Seattle's Game 2 victory, was 5-for-12 from the field and finished with 18 points. The rest of the Sun starters combined for only 26 points on 7-for-31 shooting.



# Shining glory for Rivera

## Reliever's inner strength was the story of Game 1

S omewhere the night, laden with so much drama and history, seemed destined to distill down to the inevitable confrontation: Mariano Rivera once again choking off the Boston Red Sox.

He was there on the mound when the Yankees desperately needed him, as they so often have, making the long journey Tuesday from funeral to field, Panama to New York, exhausted, emotionally spent yet no less effective than ever.

His day began with hymns, prayers and tears, yet there he was at Yankee Stadium at close to midnight, taking a final tap back to the mound to start a game-ending double play and save a 10-7 victory in Game 1 of the American League Championship Series.

Did anyone expect anything else?

"It took a lot for him to go out there tonight," Yankees captain Derek Jeter said. "He's the most mentally tough person I've ever played with."

Great athletes sometimes play their best when they are suffering grief or illness. They summon inner strength, a higher level of concentration. Or perhaps, like Rivera, they lean on their faith.

But Dave Favre responded that way last year when his father died.

Pete Sampras served aces through his tears when his coach was diagnosed with cancer.

Rivera wept through much of a five-hour fight from Panama and arrived in the second inning, his mere presence enough to inspire the Yankees to a four-run surge in the third.

For a while, it looked as if his arm would not be needed. Curt Schilling, who had planned on shutting down the Yankees and shutting up their fans, got shelved and was gone after that ugly third inning.

By the end of the sixth, the Yankees were up 8-0, Mike Mussina brilliant with a perfect game going. He threw his eighth strikeout to start the seventh inning and few fans could envision a call for Rivera in this game.

He had entered the bullpen in the fifth inning, receiving hearty hugs from his teammates and cheers from the crowd. He was smiling, probably for the first time since learning Sunday that two of his wife's relatives had died from electrocution when a cable fell in the pool at Rivera's home in Panama.

He had flown to the funeral and back by a private jet hired by the Yankees, but with Mussina cruising there seemed little reason for Rivera to be more than just a spectator along with 56,135 others.

The Red Sox, though, have one of the most explosive lineups in baseball. They finally lit up Mussina with two doubles and two singles and sent him to the showers with a well-earned round of Yankees. Jason Varitek's two-run homer off reliever Tanyon Sturtze made it 8-5, and a suddenly nervous Yankee Stadium crowd had a good reason to quiet down.

### Steve Wilstein



When Boston scored two more runs in the eighth to make it 8-7, Yankees manager Joe Torre didn't hesitate a moment about going to Rivera, the most dominant reliever in playoff history and a personal nemesis of the Red Sox.

With the crowd standing and cheering, Rivera jogged in from the bullpen with David Ortiz on third after a two-run, two-out triple off Tom Gordon, who would have been the Yankees' closer

had Rivera not returned. "I just was thinking, what can possibly be going through his head right now?" the Yankees' Gary Sheffield said.

Everyone else was thinking the same thing. But Rivera's mind was clear. He wanted to be home with his family, but he had a job to do.

"It was tough," he said, adding that the prayers of his families and friends had helped him get through the day. "I wanted to pitch. I wanted to be there. My teammates needed me there."

When Torre gave Rivera the ball, Jeter draped his right arm over Rivera's left shoulder and told him simply, "Get him out."

Four pitches later, Rivera got Kevin Millar to pop up harmlessly to short.

"What he did tonight was phenomenal with all the tragedy he's been through," Millar said.

The Yankees gave Rivera village room in the bottom of the eighth, scoring two runs for a 10-7 lead. Rivera didn't need the extra runs. One pitch in the ninth got him the final out, a walk up by Trot Nixon.

After singles by Varitek and Orlando Cabrera, Rivera ended the game by getting Bill Mueller to tap back to the mound.

Rivera grabbed the ball and whirled to second to start a double play that closed out the Red Sox once again.

"I don't think I trust anybody more than I trust Mariano," Torre said. "When he tells you he's OK, he's OK. Sometimes in situations like this, everything he's been through, he's been through it."

It was a chance, Torre meant, for Rivera to escape the tragedy for a little while. Rivera's way of doing that was to pitch his heart out for his teammates and the fans who have come to rely on him for nearly a decade. In those few minutes on the mound, he showed again the strength of character that has always been more crucial to his success than the strength of his arm.

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# Reds part ways with Larkin after 19 years

The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Barry Larkin's stellar 19-year career with his hometown team ended Tuesday with a one-sided phone call.

The Cincinnati Reds informed their captain they were no longer interested in keeping him around for another season. Instead, the Reds will replace the

40-year-old shortstop with two unproven youngsters.

Larkin was at his home in Orlando, Fla., when General Manager Dan O'Brien and manager Dave Miley — a former teammate — called with the decision.

"It wasn't pleasant," Larkin told The Associated Press in a phone interview. "But it is what it is. It's definitely disappointing. I have decisions to make."

Larkin's 19 seasons with one team was the longest current streak in the majors. He had hoped for a 20th and was willing to discuss returning in a utility role, but the Reds ruled it out.

"You hate to say goodbye to the great players, but the process of the game is ultimately, all great careers do eventually end," O'Brien said.

Larkin isn't sure whether his career is over. He hasn't decided whether to try to play one more season with another team, ending his career in a different uniform.

"I have to see what opportunities present themselves, if there's anything that makes sense," he said.

**Bonds has knee surgery**

SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds underwent arthroscopic surgery on his left knee Tuesday and is expected to be at full strength when the San Francisco Giants open spring training in February.

The slugger underwent a 20-minute arthroscopy procedure performed by San Jose

Sharks team physician Dr. Art Ting at the Fremont Surgery Center.

Bonds, 40, told the team he first felt pain Oct. 4, the day after the season ended, and he didn't want the injury to affect his offseason training.

Giants trainer Stan Conte said it would take three to six weeks for Bonds to rehabilitate the knee and he should be able to resume working out in November.

**Indians decline to pick up Viquez's \$5M option**

CLEVELAND — The Cleveland Indians declined to pick up Omar Viquez's \$5 million contract option for next season, making him eligible to be a free agent when the World Series ends.

"This step is a mere formality and does not impact the process in re-signing Omar Viquez," Indians General Manager Mark Shapiro said Tuesday. "It does not lessen our hope or desire in bringing Omar back."

The 37-year-old shortstop has said he wants to return for a 12th season in Cleveland, but the Indians are targeting a starting pitcher.

The Indians will pay Viquez's \$1 million buyout and could sign him to a new deal or enter salary arbitration with him by Dec. 7.

Shapiro last week called bringing back the widely popular Viquez "a long shot."

**Sheets has back operation**

MILWAUKEE — Milwaukee Brewers right-hander Ben Sheets underwent surgery to repair a herniated disc in his lower back on Tuesday and is expected to be ready for spring training.

Sheets had a microscopic lumbar discectomy, a 30-minute procedure that was performed by Dr. Drew Dossert in Dallas, general manager Doug Meltzer said.

Sheets had been bothered by a bad back for two years.

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# Caminiti tribute planned for NLCS

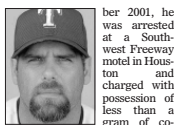
The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Following the Houston Astros' first postseason series victory in club history, teammates want to remember former slugger Ken Caminiti.

The tribute for Caminiti, who died of an apparent heart attack in New York last week, is scheduled for Saturday's National League Championship Series game against the St. Louis Cardinals at Minute Maid Park.

Television officials told the Houston Chronicle late Tuesday that details of the remembrance have not been finalized.

Caminiti played for the Astros twice over a 15-year career in which he struggled with substance abuse and legal troubles. He checked himself into a rehabilitation clinic in 2000. In November



Caminiti

ber 2001, he was arrested at a South-west Freeway motel in Houston.

He was charged with possession of less than a gram of cocaine.

He was sentenced to three years' probation in 2002.

After Caminiti failed four drug tests during his probation, it was revoked Oct. 5. He was sentenced to 180 days in jail, but was given credit for the 189 days he had served in jail or in drug treatment programs and was released.

Caminiti, who had been one of the major league players with Houston in 1987, was traded to San Diego in 1995. He was the 1996 National

League Most Valuable Player and won three Gold Gloves for fielding prowess.

A cause of death is still pending for Caminiti, 41. It will be released in a week to 10 days when toxicology and tissue tests are completed, said Ellen Borakove, spokeswoman for the New York City Medical Examiner's Office.

The former All-Star third baseman had been upset in his final days, eager to put his troubles behind him, said his lawyer, Terry Yates.

He added that the ex-athlete wanted to go to Montana to work on a land development project and think about his life.

"He was going to relax, get back to nature," Yates told the newspaper in Wednesday's edition. "He was going to do some bow hunting."

# Staley's impact reflected in Steelers' record, stats

## Free agent has revived Pittsburgh's rush attack

By ALAN ROBINSON

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — For the first time in years, Duce Staley didn't mind being pulled from a game.

As Steelers fans chanted, "Duce, Duce, Duce" during his third consecutive 100-yard game Sunday, Staley sat down late in the third quarter of Pittsburgh's 34-23 victory over Cleveland and never returned.

While playing a year ago for cross-state Philadelphia — though not playing very much — a similar benching likely would have meant the Eagles were going with another of their three running backs, either Brian Westbrook or Correll Buckhalter.

This time, coach Bill Cowher was merely allowing Staley to rest his sore groin and infected toe and avoid overusing him in a game the Steelers already had won. Staley couldn't help but smile at the significance of that, given a year ago he hardly got any work at all.

"All I want to do is play ball," said Staley, who left Philadelphia after three consecutive NFC title game appearances for the chance to run more in Pittsburgh. "Right now, it's working out."

It's working out even better than the Steelers envisioned when they signed Staley to revitalize the traditional cornerstone of their offense that broke down repeatedly during their 6-10 season of last year.

Adding the 240-pound Staley has brought back much of the run-right-att-tem that was missing from the Steelers' offense when the small but fast Amos Zeigler was starting early last season.

Blocking for Staley also has motivated an offensive line that is playing much better than it did last season despite losing right guard Kendall Simmons to a season-ending knee injury during training camp.

"We knew his style, and we thought he would fit well in the offense," Cowher said Tuesday. "It was like when Jerome [Bettis] came over from the Rams [in 1996], we thought he would fit with us like to do. And I think it will get even better as he runs more."

The upgraded running game is reflected not just in the Steelers' 4-1 record but also in their stats.



Steelers running back Duce Staley finds room to run Friday against the Browns. Staley rushed for over 100 yards for his third straight game and has more yards (489) than the team had after five games last season.

**"We knew his style, and we thought he would fit well in the offense."**

**Bill Cowher**  
Steelers coach

ties. They are No. 7 in rushing, up 24 places from the end of last season, and Staley has more yards (489) than the 425 team he had after five games last season.

Staley, a three-time 1,000-yard rusher, also has more yards than the 463 he had last season. His three 100-yard games also are one more than the Steelers had last season.

"Three in a row means a lot to me," said Staley, the Steelers' only major non-draft addition during the offseason. "It means a lot to the line, because those guys definitely need all the credit they can get. The front five is paying the way."

With the 29-year-old Staley off to the best start of his eight-season career, the Steelers have returned to the run-first mentality they first adopted under coach Chuck Noll in the early 1970s and maintained for most of Cowher's 13-season tenure.

They got away from that mid-set last year when they

threw 532 times and ran 446 times, a near reverse of the run-heavy mix (580 rushes and 454 passes) that they had while going 13-3 in 2001.

Cowher said Tuesday that he was "as gassy as anyone of becoming enamored" with the success the Steelers enjoyed after opening up their offense with Tommy Maddox at quarterback in 2002.

When that didn't work last season, Cowher went into training camp determined to build around the run again.

So far, the Steelers have run 179 times and thrown 123 times, even though playing rookie quarterback Ben Roethlisberger hasn't lost in three starts since replacing the injured Maddox.

"This is something we intended, and the numbers are what we hoped would happen," Cowher said. "We've also been up in games, not behind and not playing catch up. When we get up, we kind of shut down the pass, run the football and run the clock."

Meanwhile, Maddox continues to heal from his torn right elbow ligament but is not close to being ready to throw again. Maddox was told after getting hurt Sept. 19 that he couldn't throw for a minimum of six weeks.

Cowher was asked what he will do at quarterback once Maddox can play again.

"I'm just going to laugh at that question right now," Cowher said.

### NFL statistics

#### AFC individual leaders

##### Week 5

##### Quarterbacks

Player	Att	Comp	Yds	TD	Int
Manning, Ind.	157	101	1323	14	2
Pennington, N.Y.-J	122	87	929	5	2
Brees, S.D.	118	72	893	4	2
Carr, Hou.	113	69	1075	7	4
Brady, N.E.	113	69	1075	7	4
Roethlisberger, Pitt.	88	57	744	5	4
Bledsoe, Cin.	109	65	744	5	4
Plummer, Den.	105	65	729	4	4
McNair, Ten.	102	65	729	4	4
Leffew, Jac.	167	105	1066	4	5

##### Rushers

Player	Att	Yds	LG	TD
Brown, Ten.	127	557	54	30
Martin, N.Y.-J	107	502	47	24
J. Lewis, Bal.	109	494	47	23
Staley, Pitt.	100	489	45	38
Holmes, K.C.	107	475	44	33
Tomlinson, S.D.	103	471	46	42
Dillon, N.Y.-J	84	417	58	4
J. Johnson, Cin.	92	325	30	19
Taylor, Jac.	63	328	40	5

##### Receivers

Player	No	Yds	Att	TD
Ward, Pitt.	34	405	134	58
Mason, Ten.	31	312	113	3
Gates, S.D.	31	312	113	3
Johnson, Hou.	29	525	181	54
Harrison, Ind.	29	525	181	54
McMichael, Mia.	28	326	120	37
Bennett, Ten.	27	311	115	35
Wayne, Ind.	26	434	167	44
Smith, Den.	25	325	124	4
Moudis, Buf.	26	296	114	41

##### Punters

Player	No	Yds	Att	TD
Lechler, H. Smith, Ind.	15	709	63	46.7
M. Smith, S.D.	15	697	64	46.7
Knorr, Den.	21	957	66	45.6
Chen, K.C.	19	105	59	44.7
Gardecki, Pitt.	28	1222	63.6	45.6
Hendrich, Ten.	16	695	61	43.4
Frost, C.	22	812	43.3	43.3
Scifres, S.D.	22	959	59	43.2
Staley, Bal.	18	774	50.0	43.0

##### Punt Returns

Player	No	Yds	Att	TD
Sams, Hou.	21	311	143	78
Smith, Den.	16	87	124	20
Moses, Hou.	14	158	113	24
Ward, Bal.	11	116	105	44
Norhouth, Cle.	10	90	102	44
Ward, Bal.	11	116	105	44
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Briganti, Mia.	9	99	99	36
Holmshand, Cin.	6	55	92	21
Wesley, S.D.-Mia.	8	69	92	21
Parker, S.D.	8	83	83	19

##### Kickoff Returns

Player	No	Yds	Att	TD
McGee, Buf.	11	293	26	41
Dandridge, D. Pitt.	16	424	36	47
Gabriel, Oak.	19	500	263	87
Murphy, Den.	12	310	24	68
Pryatt, Ind.	7	179	25	32
Kidd, Den.	10	200	25	32
Hendrich, Cin.	9	219	23	32
McCoy, K.C.	10	219	23	32
Colditz, Ind.	12	273	22	48

##### Scoring

##### Touchdowns

Player	TD	Touchdowns	Rec	Pts
Bettis, Pitt.	6	6	0	36
Holmes, K.C.	6	6	0	36
LaRabie, S.D.	5	5	0	30
James, Ind.	5	5	0	30
Ward, Bal.	4	4	0	24
Brown, Ten.	4	4	0	24
Johnson, Hou.	4	4	0	24
J. Lewis, Bal.	4	4	0	24
Tomlinson, S.D.	4	4	0	24
Staley, Pitt.	8	8	18	48

##### Kicking

Player	PAT	FG	LG	TD
Elam, Den.	7	9	11-11	50
Dawson, Cle.	7	9	11-11	50
K. Brown, Hou.	11-11	9	49	38
Johnson, Hou.	11-11	9	49	38
Janikowski, Oak.	9	9	50	30
Johnson, Hou.	11-11	9	49	38
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##### Team statistics

##### Average per game

Team	Yards	Pass	Yards	Pass
Indianapolis	384	1316	257	8
Houston	382	1016	261	2
Philadelphia	382	1112	278	4
Denver	356	1312	248	3
New England	340	1551	283	3
Tennessee	333	1500	182	1
Pittsburgh	333	1500	182	1
San Diego	314	1147	191	0
Cincinnati	313	1133	198	0
Buffalo	285	950	177	5
San Francisco	266	1206	154	4
Cleveland	262	1078	158	4
Miami	243	1012	180	5

##### DEFENSE

Team	Yards	Pass	Yards	Pass
Denver	240	886	142	2
Pittsburgh	238	1048	104	4
Philadelphia	237	1040	107	4
San Diego	236	1040	107	4
New York Jets	235	1003	205	5
New England	231	1143	197	0
Kansas City	230	1148	208	8
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Buffalo	218	1078	158	4
Cincinnati	214	1078	158	4
Cleveland	214	1078	158	4
San Diego	214	1078	158	4
Indianapolis	384	1316	257	8

##### NFC individual leaders

##### Week 5

##### Quarterbacks

Player	Att	Comp	Yds	TD	Int
Culpepper, Min.	127	109	1341	13	1
McNabb, Phil.	144	98	1108	9	1
Harrington, Den.	111	72	893	4	2
Rattay, S.F.	135	87	891	6	2
Warner, A.T.	113	72	893	4	2
Hasselbeck, S.D.	120	72	863	6	2
Favre, Min.	138	82	1003	6	2
Aa. Brooks, N.Y.	130	76	1167	7	2
Favre, Min.	138	82	1003	6	2
Delhomme, Car.	126	75	945	6	2

##### Rushers

Player	Att	Yds	LG	TD
Barber, N.Y.-G	87	572	43	64
Portis, Was.	117	432	44	26
W. Brown, N.Y.-G	99	405	44	26
Alexander, Sea.	81	382	44	41
W. Brown, N.Y.-G	99	405	44	26
T. Jones, Cin.	79	363	45	54
Tomlinson, S.D.	103	471	46	42
Westbrook, Phil.	64	331	55	50
Dunn, Atl.	87	286	37	60
Barlow, S.F.	78	286	37	60

##### Receivers

Player	No	Yds	Att	TD
E. Johnson, S.F.	41	460	112	29
Brace, S.D.	36	326	134	29
Walker, G.B.	33	317	79	5
Harris, N.C.	32	312	113	3
Holt, S.D.	30	363	131	26
Coles, Was.	27	316	117	45
Tomlinson, S.D.	24	325	124	4
Jackson, Sea.	24	336	140	58
Conway, S.F.	24	325	124	4
Moss, Min.	24	305	127	50
Westbrook, Phil.	24	206	86	22

##### Punters

Player	No	Yds	Att	TD
Sauerbrun, Car.	20	900	58	45.4
Tyus, Was.	28	1200	58	44.3
Harris, Den.	29	1200	58	44.3
Bidwell, Ten.	29	1200	58	44.3
Benger, N.Y.-G	29	1200	58	44.3
Lander, S.D.	19	825	56	43.7
Mahr, Atl.	27	1003	63.1	43.1
Player, Ariz	30	1291	55	43.0
Rosen, Sea.	26	1009	54	43.0

##### Punt Returns

Player	No	Yds	Att	TD
Ross, Atl.	17	207	124	25
Battle, S.D.	12	156	116	1
M. Lewis, N.Y.-G	15	156	104	34
Ward, Bal.	12	99	99	36
Engram, Sea.	7	57	81	30
Morton, Was.	11	79	104	30
Chatham, S.F.	10	67	67	18
Staley, Pitt.	7	100	67	18
Baker, Car.	8	49	61	18
Mahe, Phil.	8	49	61	18

##### Kickoff Returns

Player	No	Yds	Att	TD
Drummond, Det.	9	238	26	42
Cox, T.B.	4	208	24	42
Murphy, N.Y.-G	9	234	26	34
Berrian, Sea.	11	250	24	42
Pond, Phil.	11	272	24	46
Staley, Pitt.	11	272	24	46
Robertson, S.F.	15	352	23	37
Mahr, Atl.	14	311	22	50
Chatham, G.B.	11	211	22	50

##### Touchdowns

Player	TD	Touchdowns	Rec	Pts
Alexander, Sea.	7	5	2	42
Staley, Pitt.	8	8	18	48
Dunn, Atl.	6	6	0	36
Ward, Bal.	5	5	0	30
Walker, G.B.	5	5	0	30
Staley, Pitt.	8	8	18	48
T. Jones, Cin.	4	4	0	24
Anthony, Ariz.	4	4	0	24
Williams, Det.	3	3	0	18
Green, G.B.	3	3	0	18



# Rice thinks Raiders looking to trade him

The Associated Press

ALAMEDA, Calif. — Jerry Rice believes he could be traded by the Oakland Raiders before the Oct. 19 deadline.

Rice, who turned 42 on Wednesday, told Sacramento radio station KFTK on Tuesday that his days with Oakland might be numbered, and that he wants to play for a team that will better utilize his talents.

Speculation surfaced last week about a possible swap with the Detroit Lions.

"When rumors get started like that, something is going on," Rice said. "I don't know how much longer I'll be wearing the silver

## NFL briefs

and black. The thing is, I know wherever I go, that that team will get something special because I'll give them 100 percent and I'll make plays on the football field to help that team win."

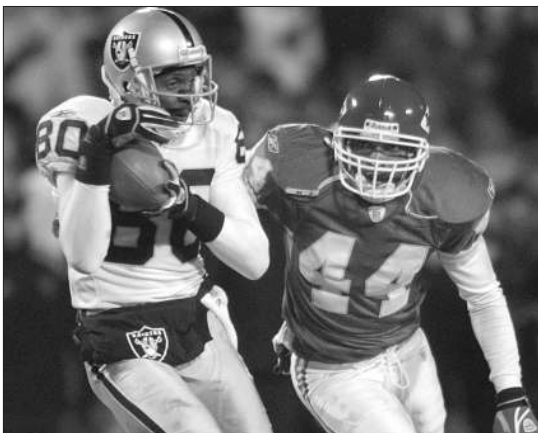
Michael Lombardi, the Raiders' senior personnel executive, said Tuesday that the Detroit story "was not remotely accurate."

Rice's role with the Raiders has been greatly diminished this season. Through five games, the NFL's career leader in catches and touchdowns has five receptions for 67 yards and no touchdowns — his receptions are tied for eighth on the team.

Rice has shown his frustration several times already, and admitted last week that the limited role is affecting him.

His NFL record streak of 274 straight games with a catch ended in the second game of the season, a 13-10 victory over the Buffalo Bills.

"I can't go out this way," Rice said Tuesday. "If some things had been explained to me before the season started, then maybe the situation would be different now. I want to come back, I want to play next year, and I want to go out the right way. I don't know if I'll be in a Raiders uniform, but I'll be somewhere on the field doing my



Raiders wide receiver Jerry Rice (80) said he wants to be traded to a team that will better utilize his talents.

thing. . . . From what I was told, I'd be a significant part and I'd have opportunities and I'd make plays. This is a business, man, and you never know."

### Calico might need ACL repaired

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee Titans receiver Tyrone Calico was scheduled for surgery Thursday to repair torn cartilage in his left knee and might need to have his anterior cruciate ligament fixed as well.

"That being the case, we'll lose him for the year," coach Jeff Fisher said Tuesday.

Calico has played in one game this season. He missed the first three games after spraining both knees and tearing cartilage in his left knee Aug. 30 in a preseason

game at Dallas. Fisher said the team doctor noticed fraying on the ACL when he repaired the cartilage then.

But Calico's knee appeared stable enough that he played in Tennessee's 38-17 loss at San Diego on Oct. 3 only to fall down after trying to make a cut in the flat.

Fisher said having Dr. James Andrews in Birmingham, Ala., repair all the damage would be in the best interest of Calico's career.

Even if Andrews still repairs the medial meniscus, Calico still would be out up to 10 weeks.

### Mike Williams signs with agent

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — Wide receiver Mike Williams, turned down in his attempt to re-

turn to play at Southern California after the courts kept him out of the NFL Draft, has hired an agent — again.

Williams, expected to be a first-round draft pick next April, will be represented by Tony Fleming and Mitch Frankel of Impact Sports Management.

"Mike will continue his education at USC, where he will train in preparation for his NFL career," Fleming said in a statement issued Tuesday.

Williams caught 95 passes for 1,314 yards and a school-record 16 touchdowns as a sophomore last season to help the Trojans (12-1) win the national championship. He finished eighth in the Heisman Trophy balloting.

After a court ruled that last win-

### NFL injury update

Injuries to prominent NFL players, followed by team's prognosis. (See Friday's edition for complete injury report.)  
**Jets:** WR Santana Moss (hamstring) didn't practice Wednesday and is questionable for Sunday's game.  
**Panthers:** DT Kris Jenkins (shoulder) was put on injured reserve and will miss the rest of the season.

ter that Ohio State's Maurice Clarett was eligible to play in the NFL, Williams left USC, hired Mike Azzarelli as his agent and said he was turning pro. That made him ineligible to play for the Trojans.

An appeals court overturned the earlier ruling and upheld the NFL's right to bar players who had been out of high school for less than three years — as was the case with Clarett and Williams.

After the appeals court ruling, Williams severed ties with his agent and began the process of applying to the NCAA for reinstatement. He returned to USC and took summer classes, seeking to have his academic eligibility also restored.

It was all for naught — the NCAA turned down his request Aug. 26 — two days before top-ranked USC's season-opener against Virginia Tech.

### Peterson has Achilles' surgery

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — San Francisco 49ers All-Pro linebacker Julian Peterson underwent season-ending surgery on his torn left Achilles tendon Tuesday.

Backup fullback Jasen Isom also had surgery for the same injury.

"Julian and Jasen each had surgery on their Achilles this morning and both went well," team physician Dr. Michael Dillingham said. "Each of them will be in a cast for six-to-eight weeks. We will begin the rehab process when the casts are removed."

Peterson, a two-time Pro Bowl selection, had 2½ sacks in the first four games despite reporting just two weeks before the season opener after a lengthy contract holdout.

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## Top Scores for Week 5

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176	rep58	712 ABG
176	Bones	Sasebo, Japan
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See website for official game rules.

Check this space every Thursday during the entire NFL season for the weeks Top Scores and Best Overall Scores during the NFL Challenge.

# Seahawks' goals scattered in loss

## First defeat stings Seattle, but effects shouldn't linger

By TIM KORTE

The Associated Press

KIRKLAND, Wash. — This was one rough weekend for Seattle's young defenders. They demonstrated, in an excruciating finish for the Seahawks and their fans, why early season statistics are meaningless.

One week ago, Seattle's hard-nitted defense ranked No. 1 in the NFL, holding its first three opponents to 13 total points and allowing an average of 242.3 total yards.

Then came a 23-point rally by St. Louis quarterback Marc Bulger in the fourth quarter and overtime Sunday. Terrell Bierria was beaten on the final play, and the Rams won a 33-27 thriller.

"It taught me you can't play 52 minutes in a 60-minute game," said Bierria, in his first year as an NFL starter. "You have to play the whole 60 minutes as a team to get a W."

The good news for the stunned Seahawks, as coach Mike Holmgren emphasized to his players, is they can still reach their goals of winning the NFC West and going deep into the playoffs.

There's no time to dwell about what happened, either, not with another big game this week at New England (4-0).

"I'm still upset. It really stings," fullback Mack Strong said. "But we've got to come back with no lingering effects and be totally focused on playing New England. They're a very good football team. Their record speaks for itself."

Bierria was burned on Bulger's overtime touchdown pass, but it's not fair to blame him for the loss. The Seahawks gave it away on many fronts.

Just as Bulger began to heat up in the closing minutes, Seattle's offense stalled, unable on two late possessions to grind out two first downs that would have killed the clock when the Rams were out of timeouts.

On special teams, the Seahawks allowed a 39-yard punt return that set up another TD pass by Bulger.

And while Bierria insisted he should have done a better job covering Shaun McDonald on the final play, it's important to point out defensive coordinator Ray Rhodes had the Seahawks in an all-out blitz.

"We put him in a very tough spot, covering that receiver," Holmgren said. "We'll take the heat on that one."

Bulger recognized it. He chose not to throw to Torrey Holt on a blitz, waiting just long enough in the pocket until McDonald was open downfield.

"You definitely have to give the

Rams a lot of respect," linebacker Isaiah Kacyvenski said. "They kept battling back. When you don't give up, good things usually happen. They made the plays they had to."

And the Seahawks didn't.

On several ordinary downs through the first 52 minutes, Seattle could have avoided such a perilous late-game situation.

Kicker Josh Brown missed a 43-yard field goal try in the first half. Linebacker Anthony Simmons dropped an interception as St. Louis drove for a third-quarter field goal.

Then came huge mistakes in the closing minutes.

Defensive tackle Rocky Bernard was flagged for roughing Bulger on a 20-yard completion to Isaac Bruce, giving the Rams a 35-yard play on their first TD drive in the rally.

Later, Rams end Leonard Little broke through Seattle's line, sacking Matt Hasselbeck and forcing a fumble on third-and-5 just after the 2-minute warning. Bobby Engram was open over the middle, too.

That play could have been worse for the Seahawks, but center Robbie Tobeck recovered the ball at Seattle's 29.

"It's a very sickening feeling," defensive end Grant Wistrom said. "We had that game fully in our control and there were any number of plays that could have been made to win it."

The Rams, on the other hand, did everything they needed to win.

Bulger was fabulous, threading a perfectly placed pass to Kevin Curtis on a 41-yard TD strike. Tight end Brandon Manumaleuna made a circus catch on another TD, leading to grab the ball from two defenders.

Still, the situation favored Seattle: a 27-10 lead, the Rams needing three scores with no timeouts and 8½ minutes to play.

"If we don't gain an inch of offense, I can knock close to six minutes off the clock," Holmgren said. "Which means they have to score three times in 2:30 with no timeouts."

"Mathematically, it's almost impossible unless you score with big plays. To their credit, the Seahawks are holding themselves accountable. While Holmgren said he might have "erupted like Mount St. Helens" earlier in his career, he's using a more analytical approach to keep his team on track."

"It's great to be good, but you have to couple being talented with playing smart," Holmgren said. "We'll learn from this — a painful, painful lesson — and then keep going because this is a pretty good football team."



Packers running back Ahman Green fumbles against the Giants on Oct. 3. Green had another costly fumble Monday night — his fourth in five games this season — in Green Bay's loss to Tennessee.

# As Packers' right-hand man, Green has dropped the ball

By ARNIE STAPLETON

The Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis.

This was the year Ahman Green was going to be the heart of Green Bay's offense, with Brett Favre playing a supporting role. The Packers had visions of winning a championship as John Elway did twice with Terrell Davis in Denver.

Those plans have changed.

Green keeps fumbling, opponents have adjusted to stopping the run, and a sieve-like defense has forced the Packers to throw more than they would like.

Since rushing 33 times for 119 yards in Green Bay's opening win at Carolina, Green's carries have fallen to 24, 17, 15 and 10 in his last four games, all losses.

He hasn't reached the end zone since scoring three times in the opener, and his yards have dipped from 128 in Week 2 — when his fumble led to a game-turning 95-yard touchdown return by Chicago — to 67, 58 and 33.

He looks nothing like the running back who gained 1,887 yards and scored 20 touchdowns a year ago, and consequently, the Packers look nothing like a team that came within an overtime loss at Philadelphia of reaching the NFC title game in January.

The Tennessee Titans brought the league's worst run defense into Lambeau Field on Monday night, giving up more than five yards a carry. But the Packers had just five yards total at halftime, and Green finished with only 33 yards on 10 runs in the Titans' 48-27 victory.

After Chris Brown had given Tennessee a 14-0 lead with two long touchdowns run, Green



Packers coach Mike Sherman chewed out Ahman Green for fumbling but has no intentions of benching his star running back.

ended the Packers' second drive with his fourth fumble of the season.

Green's greatest flaw is his inattention on always carrying the ball in his left arm, which provides opponents a true target and doesn't allow him to fend off pursuers with stiff arms.

The Packers have learned to live with this because Green, who fumbled seven times in the first nine games last season, has never shown a determination to learn how to switch hands without coughing up the ball even more.

Coach Mike Sherman, who chewed out Green on the sideline after his fumble, has said repeatedly this season that switching hands isn't something the Packers are going to experiment with again because Green was so bad at it the last time they tried.

Benching Green isn't an option, either, because "he does too many good things," Sherman said.

So, the only thing they can do is work with him and remind him of how he held onto the ball down the stretch last season, when he went the final nine games and 246 touches without putting the ball on the ground.

"We will work diligently on that part of the game," Sherman said. "We couldn't have talked more this week about how important in this ballgame not turning the ball over and getting take-aways was. We talked about it every day, at every meeting."

The Packers, though, had six turnovers and no takeaways.

Sherman isn't going to blame the Packers' poor ground game on the loss of center Mike Flanagan, who had season-ending knee surgery last week and was replaced by Grey Rugeamer.

"When you lose a player like Mike Flanagan — or Grady Jackson on the other side of the ball — it does have some rippling effects," Sherman said. "But I certainly do not assume that that is what happened [Monday night]. We still should have been able to function without Mike Flanagan. There are four other guys that have played together for quite some time."

Until Monday night, the Packers were the only team in the NFL who hadn't been three games under .500 at any time during the last 12 years, which coincides with Favre's time in Green Bay.

"I am shocked," Sherman said. "But I have confidence in our ability to fight through these things. These are tough times. They are tough times for me, tough times for the team, tough times for our fans."

The Packers hope to become just the ninth team to reach the playoffs after starting 1-4.

"I guess now we find out what we're made of," Green said.

# No. 2 Oklahoma not out for revenge vs. Kansas St.

BY JEFF LATZKE  
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NORMAN, Okla. — Revenge isn't a word second-ranked Oklahoma is using often this week heading into its game against Kansas State. Try preparation.

The Sooners were thoroughly beaten the last time they faced the Wildcats, and the loss is still

grating on them. But don't count on vengeance becoming too big a part of their vocabulary.

"I'm never been much on that, and I think our players understand that, too," coach Bob Stoops said Tuesday. "There's been a lot of people who want revenge on us or other people. Revenge doesn't do much."

"I think it gets down to execu-

tion, your focus, your intensity, your respect for the other team and being prepared to play."

Oklahoma was cruising along with 12 straight victories and rampant national championship talk as it headed into the Big 12 championship game last season. Math whizzes even figured out that a loss wouldn't cost the Sooners a shot at the national title.

That didn't stop Kansas State from relentlessly attacking a hobbled Jason White and unleashing tailback Darren Sproles for 235 yards rushing, including a 60-yard TD run in a 35-7 victory.

"We flat out got beat," White said. "You can't say much about it. They played better than we did. They made plays. We didn't." Perhaps the Sooners could have forgotten about it if they had gone on to beat LSU and won the national title. Instead, LSU used K-State's formula and sent the Sooners home with two straight losses.

"It's in our guts. We can't lie," cornerback Eric Bassey said. "We're not going to deny that. We didn't feel like we played our best game. We didn't feel like they should have beat us actually. We felt like we had the better team and we didn't play up to our capabilities."

So instead of celebrating, Oklahoma spent the offseason watching films of the losses and looking for ways to get better.

For Sooners players, those images overshadowed that Kansas State (2-3, 0-2 Big 12) has struggled so far this season.

"In the back of your mind, you're thinking about how well they played against us and how poorly we played," White said.

The Sooners (5-0, 2-0) aren't spending too much time looking backward. They're focused on not letting it happen again.

"You can't do nothing but think about it and things you could have done better," White said. "You can't go back and change it. You can only get better from it."

This year's game will have some similarities, but many differences. Once again, Oklahoma comes in on a roll and the Wildcats have three blemishes on their record. Stoops will again face former mentor Bill Snyder, and White and Sproles return as the most recognizable offensive stars.

But the differences start there. No conference title will be at stake and the game will be at Kansas State instead of a somewhat-neutral Kansas City site.

More importantly, the Sooners have the country's fourth-leading rusher, Adrian Peterson, at running back and the Wildcats are without departed quarterback Eli Roberson.

Also, the Wildcats haven't had time to rebound from their losses and build momentum heading



Kansas State RB Darren Sproles rushed for 235 yards in a 35-7 win over Oklahoma last season.

into the game. Instead, they will be looking to turn their season around.

And one last thing: Oklahoma has a really big reason not to overlook the Wildcats this time.

"More than anything, they have our attention and we recognize them as a strong opponent, a team that is very capable and a team that beat us a year ago," Stoops said.

"We've got to play better. I look at it more that way than revenge."

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## SPORTS



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Yankees starter Mike Mussina retired the first 19 batters Tuesday in what he called "the best six innings I've had all year." He gave up four runs in 6 2/3 innings.



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Curt Schilling, who led the majors with 21 wins, allowed six runs in three innings and was hampered by an ankle injury that could sideline him for the rest of the ALCS.

# Yankees win opening act

BY RONALD BLUM  
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NEW YORK — Mariano Rivera's day had been filled with so much sadness, a funeral for relatives in Panama followed by a lonely flight back. Then, after the New York Yankees' lead dwindled from eight runs to one, the bullpen doors in left-center field swung open and out he came.

His teammates needed him, the fans expected him, and the situation demanded him. And so the greatest closer in baseball put aside his grief just long enough to do what he does best: save the day.

Rivera stopped the surging Boston Red Sox yet again Tuesday. He got Kevin Millar to pop out to strand the tying run at third base



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Mariano Rivera attended a funeral for two relatives in Panama on Tuesday afternoon, then recorded his 31st postseason save that night.

in the eighth inning, then finished a thrilling 10-7 win for the Yankees in the AL championship series opener.

"I came here and my friends, my teammates treated me like a king, and that was something special," Rivera said, even more soft-spoken than usual. "I wanted to stay home and stay with my family, but I have a job to do, and I have 24 players that were waiting for me."

On a night that generated the kind of excitement expected from these great rivals, Hideki Matsui tied an ALCS record with five RBIs, four off Curt Schilling. The Boston ace allowed six runs in three innings and isn't sure whether his aching ankle will keep him out of the rest of the series, which continues Wednesday



AP

**New York's Hideki Matsui tied an ALCS record with five RBIs in the Yankees' 10-7 victory in Game 1.**

night with Boston's Pedro Martinez pitching against Jon Lieber. It will be Martinez's first start in New York since he called the Yankees "my daddy" last month.

"I expect him to be on. We need him to be," said Red Sox leadoff hitter Johnny Damon, who struck out four times in the opener. "There's no way we can come back to Boston down 2-0."

A rematch that had been anticipated since Aaron Boone's 11th-inning homer off Tim Wakefield won Game 7 last year began with Mike Mussina retiring the first 19 batters and New York opening an 8-0 lead.

"It was like it was too good to be true," New York manager Joe Torre said.

Sure was. Mark Bellhorn doubled on a drive that hit the left-field wall on a hop. After Bellhorn's hit on Mussina's 86th pitch, Millar had a two-run double with two outs and

scored on a single by Trot Nixon. Tanyon Sturtze relieved and Jason Varitek hit a two-run homer on his third pitch, pulling the Red Sox to 8-5.

David Ortiz made it 8-7 with a two-run triple in the eighth against Tom Gordon, a ball that popped out of Matsui's glove near the top of the wall. That's when the crowd got up to welcome Rivera, perhaps the biggest factor in New York's six pennants and four World Series titles since 1996.

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